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YUGOSLAVIA REJECTS GERMAN PROPOSALS

Hitler's Plans Run Into Setback

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE ARE AUTHENTIC INDICATIONS THAT GERMAN PLANS HAVE MET SOME SETBACK IN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE FIRST CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN TO SLOW DOWN WHATEVER ACTION GERMANY MAY HAVE CONTEMPLATED AGAINST GREECE.

Germany's primary aim of securing the right of transit through the Vardar Valley, and the second alternative of securing Yugoslavia's benevolent non-belligerency by joining the Axis Pact, both seem to have been resolutely resisted.

Even a concentration of 60,000 Italian troops on the Dalmatian frontier has not made Belgrade more tractable.

IT IS NOT SURPRISING IF GERMANY IS NOT DISPOSED TO EMBARK UPON A MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE WITH NON-BELLIGERENT YUGOSLAVIA AS A POTENTIAL MENACE TO HER LONG LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

In face of the setback to the desperate Italian offensive in Albania, however, Hitler must act quickly if his help is to save Mussolini from as big a disaster in Albania as he met in Libya.

Vulnerable Position

The Italian armies must be in a very vulnerable position after their great losses and it is only to be expected that the Greeks and the R.A.F. will exploit the opportunities of the situation.

Meanwhile, Sir Ronald Campbell, British Minister in Belgrade, had a long interview with M. Tsvetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, yesterday, states a Belgrade despatch to the German news agency.—Reuter.

IN THE CONFLICT NOW

"We are in the conflict now, irretrievably involved in it," is the comment of Mr. W. M. Hearst, the newspaper magnate, on President Roosevelt's speech in yesterday's New York "Journal American."

MR HEARST DESCRIBED THE SPEECH AS "GOOD," ADDING: "THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE WAR BY A MASTERLY SERIES OF GOOD SPEECHES.

"We must unite in standing by the Government we elected and the policy we determined upon.

"There is only one way out of our situation now and that is by victory."—Reuter.

HITLER TO BREAK OFF U.S. RELATIONS?

Hitler will soon sever relations with the United States, it is considered likely by Washington diplomatic observers, according to Mr. William Simms, well-known writer on the Scripps-Howard newspapers, says Reuter from New York.

G.B.E. FOR GEN. PAPAGOS

The Greek Commander-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Alexander Papagos, is to be made an Honorary Knight Grand Cross (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire, it was announced in London last night says Reuter.

ITALIANS NEARLY EXHAUSTED

The Italians on the Albanian front are showing evident signs of exhaustion after the crushing of their big offensive last week, according to Athens radio last night.

Only artillery fire is reported from the central sector yesterday.

On Saturday the Italians launched two relatively small attacks which were easily repulsed, and a further attack on Sunday morning was also disposed of without difficulty.

IN THE MEANTIME, ADDED THE RADIO, THE ALLIED AIR FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE R.A.F., HAD ANOTHER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DAY ON SUNDAY.—REUTER.

ARMED NAVAL AID BY U.S. PREDICTED

ACTIVE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT AMERICAN PLEDGES TO BRITAIN MENTIONED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY ARE:—

Firstly, the early release to Britain of a further considerable number of over-age destroyers, and

Secondly, the giving shortly of armed naval aid.

Legislative circles spoke privately but very definitely regarding destroyers, while the naval aid report was given by William Simms, chief writer on foreign affairs in the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

He asserts that armed aid, particularly naval aid, is foreseen as a virtual certainty following the President's speech on Saturday.

MR. SIMMS ADDS IT IS BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON THAT BRITAIN'S HANDS ARE TOO FULL EFFECTIVELY TO FIGHT OFF THE NEW SUBMARINE MENACE, AND A NEW KIND OF HELP FROM AMERICA MAY BECOME VITAL IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENTS THAT AMERICA WOULD NOT CEASE TO AID UNTIL "THE TYRANTS ARE TOTALLY DEFEATED."

Fully qualified observers, Mr. Simms adds, feel that the giving of over-age destroyers and mosquito-boats is only a temporary measure to be followed by intervention by the United States Navy and the transfer of merchant shipping. — Reuter.

"TIGER" RUMOUR

Spoor marks of a large animal and the discovery on Sunday of the carcass of a deer with part of its hind quarters torn off, gave rise to rumours of a "tiger" prowling on the hills on the Island.

The remains of the deer were found near the Tai Hang Squatters' Camp at Jardine's Look-out on Sunday.

Large animal spoor was imprinted in the earth around the carcass.

It is, however, believed that the "crime" belongs to a pack of wild dogs.

British Policy Of Self-help

A British Treasury statement on the sale of British holdings in the American Viscose Corporation says that 90 per cent. of a public issue to be made in the United States will go to the Treasury.

Shares now sold total 448,000 shares, which were held by Courtauld, Ltd. (the great British rayon concern).

Price to be paid to Courtauld's will be settled between the company and the Treasury or by arbitration.

This is the first fruits of the Peacock mission, which was to examine the possibility of making the best use of British investments in the United States.

The Treasury statement adds: "The sale of this valuable holding to American interests is evidence of the determination of the British Government to use every possible means of self-help at a time when they are receiving from the Government of the United States the measures of assistance set out in President Roosevelt's great speech on Saturday." — Reuter.

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NEW THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA

Recapture Of Berbera Opens Up New Approach

Steadily Closing In From 13 Points

WITH THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, ANOTHER THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA IS DEVELOPING, THE BRITISH SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO STATED LAST EVENING, AND EMPIRE TROOPS ARE NOW STEADILY CLOSING ON THE HEART OF THE ITALIAN EMPIRE FROM 13 POINTS.

Recapture of Berbera, the spokesman added, is also expected very considerably to ease the supply problem.

It is recalled in Cairo that when the Italians entered Berbera in August, 1940, Rome radio proclaimed that the collapse of the British Empire was now inevitable. "The Red Sea has been closed to the Royal Navy," the announcer boasted.

It is not yet possible to say whether the British successes on the Keren front are a prelude to an offensive or form part of the steady fighting which has been going on for six weeks, but Reuter was told in Cairo yesterday: "Things are boiling up at Keren again."

With the recapture of Berbera the only port in British Somaliland has been wrested from the Italian grasp.

New Threat

It is regarded in London as specially significant, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns, that the operation should have been carried out by a joint naval and military force, as this means a new threat to the Italian bases at Harar and Diredawa.

Italy's only remaining channel to the sea from Abyssinia is the route via Asmara and Massawa, apart from the French-controlled line to Djibouti.

There is no possibility of reinforcements reaching the sorely-tried armies of the Duke of Aosta.

LATEST NEWS FROM KEREN SUGGESTS THAT BRITISH PRESSURE IS BEING INTENSIFIED AND VICTORY AT KEREN WILL LAY OPEN THE WHOLE OF ERITREA .

Armoured Cars

Once the last shreds of Italian resistance have been overpowered, the whole of the Imperial forces in North-East Africa will be available for employment where they can best be utilised.

Not only R.A.F. bombers and fighters but R.A.F. armoured cars went into action in active cooperation with the Army and Navy in the successful assault on Berbera.

The part of the R.A.F. is described in an additional communique issued from Middle East Headquarters, which says: "Enemy aerodromes were heavily raided throughout the previous night and during the day, a particularly heavy attack being made on Diredawa aerodrome, and R.A.F. armoured cars took part in the capture of the town."

The communique adds that there were no R.A.F. casualties.—Reuter.

FIGHT FOR JUSTICE & LIBERTY

By its President's speech, declared the Athens newspaper "Proiac" yesterday, the United States ranges itself not only from a material standpoint but above all from a moral standpoint alongside the nations fighting for justice, liberty and civilisation.

That constitutes a guarantee that these three things will finally conquer their enemies, the paper adds.

Other Athens papers all welcome President Roosevelt's speech, typical comment being that of the "Eleftheron Vima," which says:

"Greece will show herself worthy of the confidence the great American nation has shown in her, and after victory is won will show her gratitude to those who lent her ample and spontaneous assistance."—Reuter.

RECTOR LOSES HIS LIVING

The Rev. William Henry Hopkin has been deprived of the living of Blunham, Bedfordshire, of which he was rector, "with all its profits and benefits, and also of any other ecclesiastical promotion in the Diocese of St. Albans."

At a Consistory Court at Bedford the Rector faced 36 charges of committing immoral acts and being guilty of immoral conduct and habit and was adjudged guilty of 26.

Judgment was delivered by the Bishop of St. Albans, Dr. Furse, sitting at St. Albans Cathedral. Mr. Hopkin was not present.

The sentence must not be mistaken for what is sometimes called "unfrocking." Mr. Hopkins is not deposed from Holy Orders and will retain his status as a priest. He will be able to seek work as an assistant curate, or he might be given a living in another diocese if the Bishop and patron agreed.

The net annual value of the living of Blunham is £1,139 and house.

TWO SISTERS DIE TOGETHER

THE MYSTERY OF THE DEATH OF TWO ELDERLY SISTERS, THE MISSES MARY AND ANN CORBY, AGED 72 AND 60, AT THEIR HOME IN HITHER GREEN-LANE LEWISHAM, IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY SCOTLAND YARD.

When their home was entered they were found dead in the dining-room. One was lying on the floor in front of the fireplace, and the other on a settee. They were fully dressed. A preliminary examination showed no signs of violence.

The sisters had not been seen for several days. They owned property in the district.

MATSUOKA ENTERS RUSSIA

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has arrived at the Russian frontier station of Otpor, states a message to the official German news agency. Mr Matsuoka is on the way to Berlin.—Reuter.

GERMANS RATTLED

German nervousness regarding Norwegian coastal shipping finds expression in a fresh decree limiting its freedom of movement and enacting penalties that may extend to death, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

A new order issued by the Reichs Commissar forbids coastal vessels to leave Norwegian ports without permission from the German authorities and decrees that no vessels shall depart from the route set out in the permit.

Fishing craft are forbidden to sail outside the limit of Norwegian coastal waters, which extend to a limit of 30 miles from the coast, while pleasure craft, sailing and other boats are forbidden to go more than three miles from the coast.—Reuter.

CLAIMANTS DON'T KNOW THEIR ONIONS

Seventy applications have been received from all over the country for a 14lb. bag of onions which could not be delivered because the address label had become detached, states a General Post Office announcement, quoted in the Ministry of Information bulletin.

The bag of precious vegetables is in the returned letter section at Mount Pleasant sorting office.

The office where the onions were originally handed in has been discovered to be in Buckinghamshire, and this has made it easy to eliminate the majority of the claimants from places 100 miles distant.

Within the next few days it is hoped that a woman in a Surrey village will receive a welcome call from the postman when she is handed her delayed present.

This little evacuee in a Berkshire village is setting off in true Dick Whittington style to explore the byeways. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. CHURCHILL TRIBUTED AS "BOBBYDAZZLER"

"CHURCHILL IS — to use an Australian phrase — 'a bobbydazzler,' a real 'crackerjack,' who thrives on combat."

This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in Manchester last night.

Mr. Menzies declared: "He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do their best under strain."

Terming President Roosevelt's all-out appeal for help for the Democracies "magnificent," Mr. Menzies said: "This American attitude proves that to be neutral you need not be entirely unintelligent, and holding no opinions on the war, as some neutrals have thought.

"It also shows you can still give tremendous assistance to a combatant country."

Mr. Menzies described Hitler as holding the views of Alice in Wonderland that "What I say three times is true," except that "Hitler says it 30 times and it is still untrue."—Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful yesterday, being favourably influenced by President Roosevelt's speech and the firmer Yugoslav attitude. Industrials met with a fair general enquiry, with Courtauld's a special feature, advancing 2/- to 29/- on the American Viscose sale. Gilt-edged turned dull but Indian stocks were firm, as were home rails and Kaffirs. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

TOWN'S OFFER TO LONDON GIRLS

For 10s. London's tired women workers will be able to spend a week's holiday in Worthing. Or they may enjoy a long week-end for 6s.

A special rest centre, the first of the kind in the South, is being opened for the benefit of London typists, telephone operators and other women workers in bombed areas.

Details of the new centre are being circulated by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, to every borough mayor in the capital, and if the plan proves successful it may be imitated elsewhere.

Capt. H. French the initiator of the scheme, said that a house had been lent and furnished and a number of Worthing women had volunteered to run it with the aid of a resident housekeeper. As 10s. per head a week would not meet the expense, supplementary money was to be raised.

NIZAM'S OFFER TO INDIA

In response to the Government of India's recent appeal to the Indian States to undertake to supply the whole or part of a R.I.A.S.C. company, the Nizam of Hyderabad's Government has offered to raise a full company, the entire cost to be borne by the Nizam's Government.—Reuter.

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Japan Shocked By Aid To China Pledge By Roosevelt

"REAL DANGER POINT" IN "GREAT PARADOX"

DECLARING THAT the inclusion of China among the Democracies entitled to aid under the Lease and Lend Act was the "great paradox" of President Roosevelt's address on Saturday, the "Japan Times and Advertiser" in Tokyo said last night that this formed "a real danger point which so greatly embarrassed the British Empire."

The newspaper, Japanese-managed and the only English-language daily in Tokyo, added: "Never, by any stretch of the imagination or desire could China under a Nationalist Government, first at Nanking and now at Chungking, be called a Democracy.

"It is not only an autocracy but a despotism and a tyrant over many.

"Furthermore, the China conflict has no relation whatever to the European war.

By adding General Chiang Kai shek's cause to the cause of the Democracies, President Roosevelt recklessly adds to their burdens.

"In promising help to General Chiang, President Roosevelt knows that such help can reach the directives only via the Straits of Malacca and Burma.

Japan's Case

"While Britain, through Australia, is searching for a basis for understanding in the Pacific, she must assist America to send war materials to Japan's war adversary, and is therefore promoting a warlike cause and essentially inviting retaliation.

"As if the Democracies had not enough in Europe.

"If war supervener in this ocean, Japan can make a convincing case, based on American provocation and intervention.

"The cautious Democracies might have thought that the case of General Chiang could be left in abeyance while more pressing matters were tackled."—Rueter.

LAST MAN TO PAINT ED. VII

Joseph Mordecai, the artist who painted the last portrait of King Edward VII, has died, aged 89.

In 1873 he won a double medal for art at the Royal Academy, and he was still painting energetically after he was 80.

He claimed that one of his grandfathers lived to be 102 and then was killed by falling downstairs and breaking a leg. His other grandfather was 99 and his sister 97.

Had 40 Pictures Hung

It was in 1909 that he painted the last portrait of King Edward VII. It was his last picture to be hung in the Royal Academy, and afterwards it was hung in St. James's Palace.

The King had to be painted in his full Coronation robes, so the Crown and Sceptre had to be brought from the Tower of London each day and taken back at night.

Mr. Mordecai also painted King George V, the Duke of Windsor (both in military uniform), Lord Kitchener, and several past Lord Mayors of London.

About 40 of his pictures were hung in the Academy.

BANKING HOURS CORRECTION

It was erroneously stated yesterday that new bank hours for the transaction of public business would come into effect from to-day. It has been drawn to our attention that the new hours, — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. — are for the transaction of exchange business. The hours for transaction of public business are as before — from 10—3.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

Negotiations in London between the Chinese and British authorities regarding the use of British credits to China are proceeding smoothly. An agreement is expected in the near future.—Central News.

CHALKING IT UP.—At an A.R.P. station on a cricket ground "somewhere in Kent" a cricket scoreboard is used to record the number of warnings per day. (Copyright, Fox).

BAN ON ACTOR'S U.S. VISIT

SIR HERBERT WILLIAMS, M.P., IS TO ASK MR EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THE REASONS FOR THE REFUSAL OF AN EXIT PERMIT TO WILFRID LAWSON, THE ACTOR.

Mr. Lawson, who won his wings in the last war, and until lately was a non-flying pilot officer in the R.A.F., is stated to have received an offer of 2,000 dollars (about £400) a week, to go to Hollywood and star in the film "How Green was my Valley." In applying for leave, he said he would live on his R.A.F. pay of 11s. a day and give all his film salary, about 16,000 dollars or £3,200, to the Treasury.

The Air Ministry refused him leave. He resigned his commission but was still refused an exit permit.

HEAVY ATTACKS BY R.A.F IN TRIPOLITANIA

FURTHER SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. raids were announced in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Heavy attacks were made on aerodromes at Castel Benito and Makina, in Tripolitania.

A direct hit was registered on an ammunition dump at Benito aerodrome and fires were started on the other side.

BOMBS DROPPED AMONG DISPERSED AIRCRAFT AT MAKINA CAUSED A NUMBER OF FIRES, WHICH DESTROYED AT LEAST FOUR AIRCRAFT WHILE OTHERS WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY BOMBS.

As the last bomber left, a violent explosion occurred among the dispersed aircraft.

Heavy Attacks

In Eritrea, very heavy attacks were made on enemy positions in and around Keren on Saturday and Sunday.

The R.A.F. also bombed and machine-gunned motor transport and troop concentrations, as well as a railway and road.—Reuter.

WOMEN DOCTORS FOR R.A.M.C.

A NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE BRITISH MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES IN INDIA WILL BE OPENED TO BRITISH WOMEN PRACTITIONERS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

Those selected will be attached to the R.A.M.C. as medical officers, with military status but without commissions.

It is proposed in the first instance to employ selected candidates from British military families in hospitals.—Reuter.

LOVERS' TREE OF MEMORY

Two young lovers, the boy in battle-dress, stood beneath a wayside beech tree near the Northumberland town of Hexham, and with a pen-knife carved their initials deep into the bark.

Around the initials they cut the shape of a heart, then they kissed. It was good-bye for many months.

That was on a Sunday early in December. The soldier sailed next day for Egypt.

The girl, nineteen-years-old Helen Craig, London chorus girl, went back to the stage of a Newcastle theatre and tried to dance away her sorrow rehearsing for pantomime.

But every Sunday her footsteps took her back to the trysting tree. There she would say a little prayer for Private Vincent Louthare.

Touched By Her Appeal

Two weeks ago, as she headed to keep her date with a memory, Helen heard the strokes of an axe ringing through the trees. She turned the corner to find lumberjacks at work.

It was wanted for pit props. On the ground lay the trysting tree. Tears came into Helen's eyes.

"What's the matter, miss?" asked a kindly woodman, and Helen told her story.

"Can't you please cut out the piece of the trunk where our initials are carved?" she pleaded.

Touched by her appeal, two of the men took their double-handed saw and in a few moments sawed off the block.

"Vincent and I met for the first time when I came to Newcastle to dance in pantomime," Helen told a reporter. "It was love at first sight.

"I should have felt terrible if I had not been in time to rescue our bit of carving. Now I take it round wherever I go. It just fits into my hat-box."

EX-M.P. OF 73 KILLED

While standing against an electrically-driven winch in Sunderland, Sir Luke Thompson, a former M.P., who was 73, was drawn into the machinery and was killed instantly.

The accident occurred in a yard of his company, John Thompson and Sons, coal merchants. The winch had attached to it a wire cable used for hauling coal wagons, and Sir Luke's coat was caught.

Sir Luke represented Sunderland as a Conservative from 1922 to 1929 and from 1931 until his retirement in 1935.

Knighted in 1934, he was chairman of the Sunderland Conservative Association and had been chairman of the northern group of National M. P.s in which capacity he pressed on the Government the claims of the Special Areas of the North-East.

A few years ago Sir Luke and Lady Thompson narrowly escaped death when their car rolled down an embankment.

FAMOUS INDIAN LEADER PASSES

The death occurred yesterday in Lahore of Sir Mohammad Hyat Khan Noon, father of the Indian High Commissioner in London.—Reuter.

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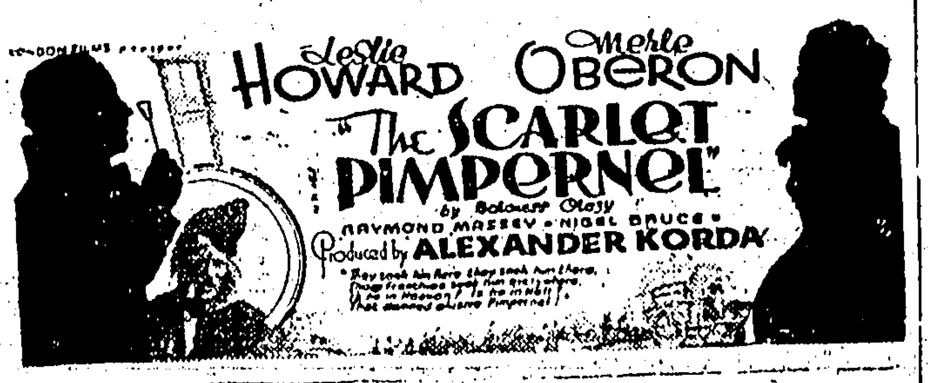

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QUISLING JUSTICE GETTING TO WORK IN OSLO

THE NEW PEOPLE'S COURT established by Quislings in Oslo has already begun work, state Norwegian circles in London, where details have been received of the procedure in the first case brought before it.

Sixteen Labour members of the Oslo Municipal Council, it is stated, were accused of having taken part in "demonstrations against the new order" and with "having acted in a counter-revolutionary manner."

The two judges ruled there was no case against accused since they had not been guilty of any overt act.

The judges were, however, overruled by the presiding magistrate and two lay magistrates, who were all supporters of the National Samling (Quisling Party), placed in their positions to ensure that there always a majority for Nazi "in the".

Two of the accused were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, two more to 15 months and the remainder were bound over.

ALL WERE EXCLUDED FOR 10 YEARS FROM PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THUS AUTOMATICALLY DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

SAYS ARMY FAKE LEAVE

Amazing allegations of fraudulent abuse of leave privileges by British soldiers are made in an article published in "Reveille," weekly newspaper of the Forces.

The forging of Army Leave Passes and civilian Identity Cards, deliberate overstaying of leave and the taking of temporary civilian jobs while on leave, are among regular practices confessed to by a soldier in a confidential statement to Mr. W. R. Hipwell, writer of the article, who himself is an ex-officer of the Royal Corps of Signals.

The soldier — a private in the Royal Artillery—met Mr. Hipwell in a railway train and asked for the use of his fountain pen. With it he filled in an ordinary Army leave pass, signing it himself and marking it "Captain."

In reply to Mr. Hipwell's not un-natural question as to what he was doing, he confessed quite readily that he was taking "French leave" — a regular practice among men in his unit each week-end, since they were completely free from after parade on Friday until Monday morning and their absence was never noticed.

Asked how he got hold of the blank pass, he said: "Oh, I usually pay the sergeant a shilling and work it with him."

JOHNSON RELICS SAVED

Mrs. Rowell, the custodian of Dr. Johnson's house in Gough Square, which was damaged by fire in the big raid on the City described how the greater part of the Johnsonian relics escaped harm.

In the first week of the war, she said, she and her daughter removed the valuable prints, the paintings and the first edition, and stored them in waterproof wrapping in a large trunk in the basement.

Forced by the fire to leave her cottage, which is the lodge of the house, on the Sunday night, she returned at 5 o'clock the next morning and retrieved the trunk. It had begun to fill with water. It is now in a place of safety.

Although the four walls of the house are still standing, Mrs. Rowell said the interior and most of the historic furniture were badly burned.

"We hope the house can be rebuilt," she added. "One idea I have is to appeal to every American who has ever visited it to give a sum, however, small."

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"THIS CHAP WAS a one-man rescue party. He should have the George Cross, at least. He must have saved the lives of at least twenty people."

That is what they are saying in a West town about Corporal T. Einboden, a Canadian with the R.A.F., for his heroism when a row of houses was demolished in a raid on this purely residential town.

Corporal Einboden is an instructor at a camp in the North. While on week-end leave he travelled to the West to see his fiancee, Doris Ford

On the way he ran into the night blitz on Bristol, so he halted there and spent the night tackling incendiary bombs.

Next day he went on to meet his fiancee, who lives in another West town. He had not been in her home long when a new blitz began.

Squeezing seven members of the Ford family, his fiancee's friend, Iris Gundry, and himself into a small cavity under the stairs, he told them funny stories while bombs whistled overhead and tremendous explosions shook the house.

And then came a big bomb, unheralded by a whistle, and the whole row of houses collapsed.

The party was trapped in the tiny space, all pressed tightly together by the weight of debris.

Corporal Einboden wriggled free and tunnelled a narrow way through the rubble.

For nearly two hours he burrowed through the debris and eventually he wormed his way into the open.

Then he crawled back, widening his little tunnel here and there, and passed the eight trapped members of the party out to the rescue men.

"Not one of the women even whimpered," he told a reporter.

Rescue party men said that when Einboden had seen his party safe he went back to the ruins and began looking for survivors from adjoining houses.

While the regular rescue parties were busy all round him, he continued to make his little tunnels throughout the night until, as dawn was breaking, he was on the verge of collapse and had to be taken from the scene.

BARGAINS MADE BY BOMB

Bombed-out Londoners were busy buying "bomb bargains" when the winter sales started.

Women stormed Oxford Street to replenish homes and wardrobes at cut prices with goods salvaged from shops which have also suffered in the blitz.

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Patchwork carpets, blankets or coats, seem to be the feature of this winter's raid bargains.

One housewife bought a carpet which had a large hole burnt right through the centre. She is going to patch it with a mat of contrasting colour.

Patch Frocks

Dress material, too, going cheap because it has been damaged, will see Miss 1941 dressed in bright gay patches.

Bargain hunters are more thoughtful than they were.

"They nearly all bring their shopping baskets with them, which helps to save paper," said one shopkeeper. "Of course, in the old days this wasn't considered good taste," and he smiled.

There was a bit of a scramble at stocking stalls, but there seemed to be plenty of stockings — even at 1s. 11¾d. There was a big demand for make-up, too, and nail varnish. But it was the men who were buying nail varnish—for their shoes.

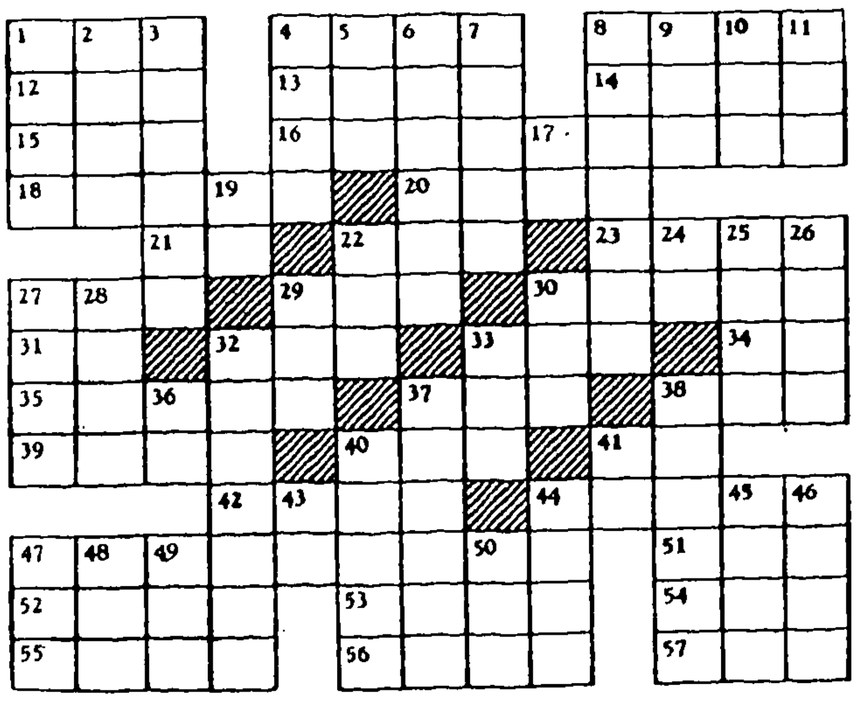
CAR STRUCK BOMB BARRIER

A motorist who collided with a barrier placed round a bomb crater unsuccessfully sued Poplar Borough Corporation at Bow County Court. Stanley Murrell Wright, Jedburgh Road, Plaistow, asked for £22 16s. 7d., the cost of repairs to his car.

His solicitor alleged that the protective barrier was left unattended and unlighted. Defending counsel, however, said that this was not admitted.

Giving judgment for the Corporation, Judge Willoughby Jardine, K.C., said that according to the Lighting Restrictions Order, lights round an obstruction were not obligatory.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



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1 Levantine sailing vessel
4 Venezuelan snake
8 Egyptian deity's crown
12 Norse goddess
13 Pertaining to grandparents
14 Proportion
15 Ancient tribal tax
16 Skilful maneuverer
18 Two-masted vessel
20 Meat dish
21 Exclamation
22 Music; three
23 Gaelic
27 To reimburse
29 Sodium chloride
30 Fisherman's basket
31 Land measure
32 To irritate
33 Plaything
34 Three-toed sloth
35 Pupil in a military school
37 In favour of
38 Bitter vetch
39 Black
40 Confederate general
41 Preposition
42 Story
44 Fat
47 Principal city of Palestine
51 Greek letter
52 Armadillo
53 Nothing more than
54 Tibetan gazelle
55 Ceremony
56 Isles off Ireland
57 Distant

VERTICAL
1 Part of body connecting the head with the trunk
2 Ireland
3 Foamy
4 Slat
5 Eggs
6 French tragedienne
7 Communion table
8 Art of shooting with the bow
9 Indo-Chinese language
10 Greek letter
11 Marsh
17 Exists
19 Symbol for calcium
22 Impost
24 Concerning
25 To burn
26 Ancient European country
27 Stride
28 Street urchin
29 To place
30 Centre
32 Undertaking
33 Digit
36 To act
37 Insect's antenna
38 Power
40 Beast of burden
41 Siberian river
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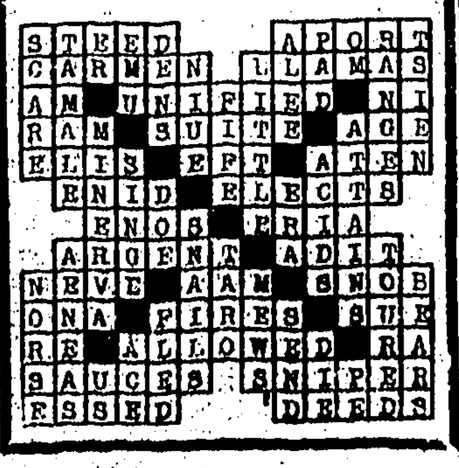
44 Sign
45 Go away!
46 Dawn-like
47 To shake
48 Slender finial
49 Rodent
50 Period of time

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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NAZIS ROUSE HATRED IN NORWAY

IN MAY AFTER Andalsnes and during the terrible month of June, when the King had to leave Norway and France betrayed herself, many of our people became depressed under the shadow of what seemed the inevitability of a final German victory, writes Professor J. S. Worm-Muller in "The Times."

This explains why at that time, when the Germans began to negotiate about the position of the King and the establishment of a "New Order" in Norway, some of our leading politicians went too far. What could poor Norway think or do, feeling terribly alone and disappointed in the attitude of the Swedish Government, representing our nearest kinsfolk and neighbours?

When I went from Oslo to the mountains on vacation in July I did not like the spirit I had left behind in the capital. Many though perhaps not most, people there were on the verge of despair, convinced that the only thing to do was to make some sort of arrangement with the invader. Then the Germans made their mistake, their great psychological blunder. They showed themselves unable to understand that to ask the Storting and the people to remove the King, especially at such a time, was to wound the most sacred Norwegian feelings.

Before the war the King had been popular, yes, very popular; but when the Germans bombed him as he retired to the north, the love of the people for him grew and grew. We are in general not demonstratively monarchist, but Haakon was becoming our saga King. A wonderful feeling swept through Norway. In a few days there was a great revival, a mighty reaction in spirit against this German demand that the King should be deposed. Members of the Storting were bombarded with letters urging them not to give way.

Sons To Their Father

People in all walks of life were furious. One member of the Storting said to me afterwards: "My choice was easy. Either my electors or the Germans would surely shoot me, and I preferred a German bullet." Another member told me with some emotion:—"The day I was to leave for Oslo to take part in the discussions my three sons and two sons-in-law (who all but one had taken active part in the fighting) came to me in a body and said: 'Father, you must not let Norway down, or you can never come home again.' The atmospher was very tense, and I replied: "I will not betray Norway; no, not if they shoot me.'" For many it was not merely a political but a religious question. You could often hear simple people imperfectly quote passages from Scriptures, such as: "Better lose your life than your soul."

When I returned to Oslo in August I was surprised to find a new spirit of optimism in growth. It was due to several causes.

For one thing, Norwegians in the capital were impressed by the knowledge that England was standing firm. Increasing optienism helped by the unimpressive attempts at embarkation for the invasion of England, and the view took root that Germans in Norway were getting sick of their invasion plans.

I saw some of the exercises on the coast, elaborate in preparation and with a goodly number of horses as well as men. They were undoubtedly marred by mutinies here and there, for the soldiers soon objected to being crowded into the holds of fishing craft, covered with nets and wire netting just like pigs in a cart going off to market, and then being taken for trips on the restless sea. This huddled live freight became sick, time after time, no matter how the experiments were repeated, and the smaller fishing craft had to be abandoned as unsuitable for invasion purposes. Whether the whole idea of an expedition from Norway has been given up can not be said; but we gained the firm impression that German soldiers in Norway feared the turbulent British waves.

A Missed Opportunity

When I left Norway in October the hopes of most people had developed into belief in a coming British victory. The Germans had missed their opportunity. In July they had a chance of winning us over by playing on the sore theme that Britain left us in the lurch But they went about it in the wrong way, they could not resist the impulse to assail our King.

It had become clear, too, that they were plundering our country on a terrible scale. In one week they took 60,000,000 Norwegian crowns from the Bank of Norway. And the German soldiers were visibly becoming fatter. They were getting our eggs, butter, and other nutritious produce, while it was ever more difficult for our housewives to obtain the food to which they were accustomed.

By the time I left there was no real food distress in Norway, but the outlook is black. And we had to pay more and more taxes.

There had been no hate for the Germans in April and hatred did not become general all at once. We were in the main pro-British and felt keen disappointment that the Royal Navy did not stop the German invasion. But now the whole people hate and despise, not individual Germans, but the whole Nazi idea and the men sent to put it into practice. There is some admiration still for the German military machine, for its efficiency. Between it and the Nazi civil administration, however, is a deep gulf. The young fools brought from Germany and put into office are so ignorant of the most elementary things that they appear simply stupid.

The Word Of Hitler

At the negotiations for the deposition of the King and the introduction of a "New Order" I was present in the second and last stage, and took an active part, though I was not at the talks in July. If some Norwegians went too far it was in good faith and to avoid as they thought the imposition of a German administration or a Quising regime. They tentatively agreed to concessions which they believe would secure some sort of an acceptable Norwegian administration.

I was strongly against this course, telling my countrymen they did not know German history. Unlike the English, the Germans recognise nothing in the nature of a "gentleman's agreement," I explained, and it was a mistake to think a pact could be safely made with Hitler. If you offered a finger the Nazi would take the whole hand. An Al Capone might be jealous of the German method.

I had been a member of the Norwegian delegation to Geneva and always hoped the better methods of our commn humanity would prevail. I knew the Nazi methods well, but at these negotiations I was simply horrified to find how low the German political culture had sunk.

The most scandalous moment was when the Germans said, "Well, about the King, the Storting, and so on, you may vote on the Norwegian text of the proposal, but it is the German text which will count as valid."

Now the German draft was substantially different from the Norwegian, and it was just this difference which was in dispute. The Norwegian delegates replied, "We cannot go to our electors with a decision like that. We refuse your suggestion."

Great Blunder

It was another great psychological blunder to try to get Norwegians in on a deal like that; but then the whole of the occupation period has been marked by a chain of such blunders. On May 17, for instance, the Norwegian National Day, not only was all celebration forbidden, including the hoisting of our flag, but at the cinemas the Germans showed films of their conquest of Norway. The students and the public rose in tumult, and nowhere would they allow these shameles pictures to be shown that day. In every case I know of the "seance" was interrupted, lights turned up, and the people ordered to go home. When Terboven, the Reichskommissar, was told of this tactless wounding of national feeling he could not understand that the Germans had been wrong.

But if the Norwegians detest and despise the Germans, particularly the German civil administrators, they loathe the very name of Quisling.

Unpopular in April, by September he had come to be a laughing-stock. There has been no revolution in Norway, and his meagre 2 per cent. following has not grown. His "New Order" is simply forced order, created and supported by the German military and the Gestapo.

Left to themselves, not for a day, but a bare five minutes, the Norwegians would discard their Quisling chains with one spontaneous act. But one thing I do fear for our people: the application of economic pressure, which is being brought to bear on the individual and his family.

SORRY PLIGHT OF ITALIANS

The Belgrade correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," in a message tells of the pitiable condition of wounded Italian soldiers who have returned from the Albanian front to their homes in Northern Italy.

Quoting well-informed people who have returned from Italy, he says:

"The plight of the troops bears witness to the still disorganised state of the counter-offensive intended to check the Greeks.

"An extremely large proportion of the casualties have lost limbs. Many of these men saw no fighting whatever, but were so severely frozen in the bitter mountain weather that it was necessary to amputate their limbs.

"It is presumed that Italian hospitals in Bari and Brindisi must be filled to overflowing, because many of the wounded are arriving in the Northern Adriatic ports bearded and dirty and without having changed their uniforms since they left Albania.

"Relatives of the wounded were sharp in their criticism when they found that in many cases bandages had not been changed since the wounded men left the front-line.

"One seriously wounded officer had been carried for three days on mule back through mountains and then spent a day crossing the Adriatic and two days travelling up the coast by railroad without medical treatment or change of uniform.

"Until the arrival of these wounded, the extent of the Italian setback was little known in Northern Adriatic cities."

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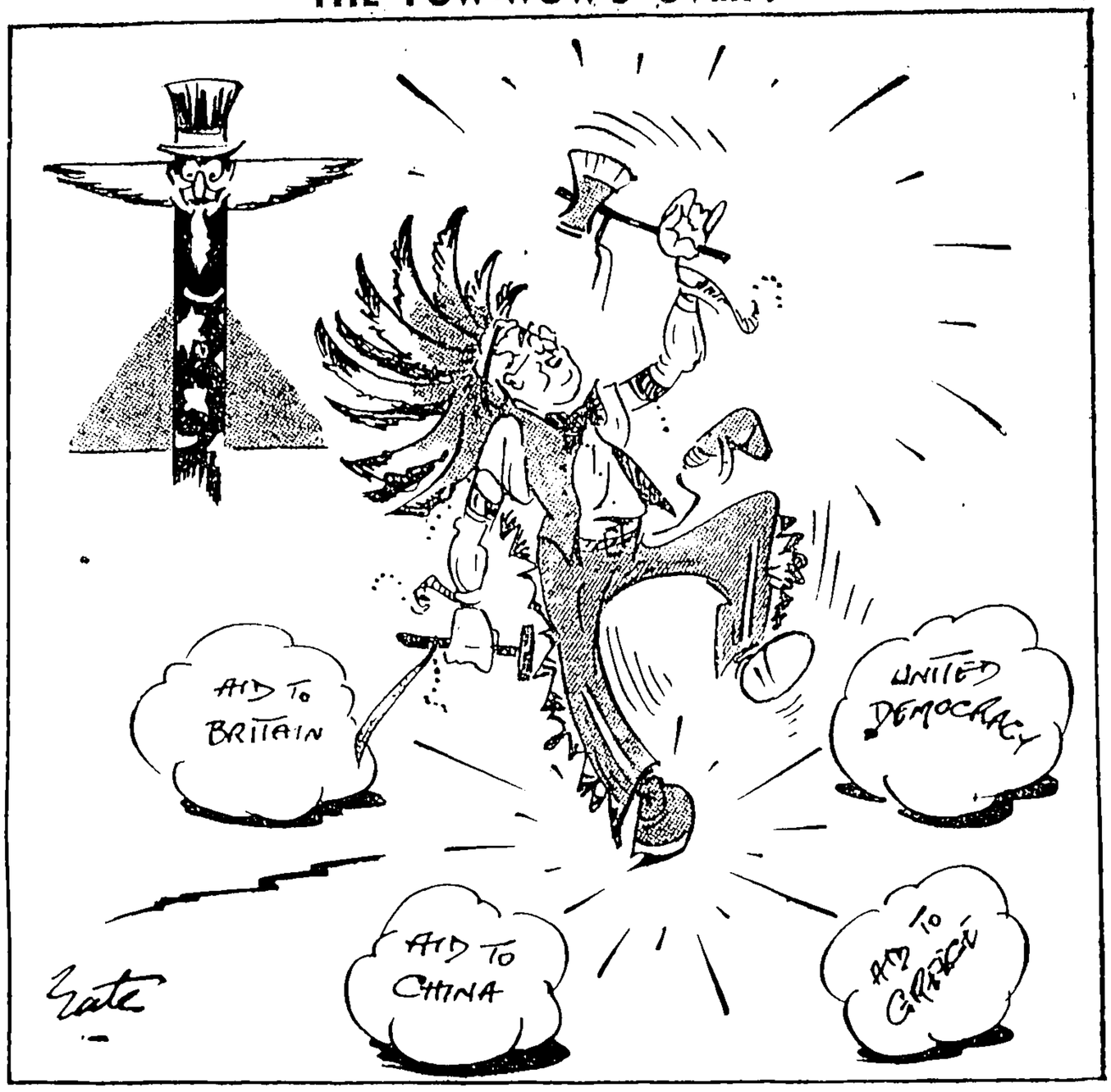
MUSSOLINI'S RASH ADVENTURE

It looks as though it may be the supreme irony for Mussolini to have directed personally the military operation which turned into the debacle which promises to seal Italy's vassaldom to Herr Hitler. Fifty thousand casualties were suffered in the furious seven-day offensive on the short Tepelini front; fifty thousand men sacrificed to Il Duce's personal prestige; 15,000 dead that Mussolini might turn to Hitler and reclaim full partnership status. It is in the true order of things, according to Nemesis, that the gigantic effort should have failed ignominously, and that because his power of inspiration was committed, Il Duce's state is worse than his first. The prospect for Italy now is the most unhappy one, for more than ever the Italian people are thrust back upon the gratitude of Hitler. And how much that gratitude is worth they can learn from the fate of Fritz Thyssen and scores of others without whom Hitler's rise would not have been possible.

Mussolini, meantime, proceeds towards a fate marked out for him by a study of great historical figures of the past obsessed by similar ambitions. How hard it is for a man to escape from his past! Il Duce illustrates again the difficulty of acting upon the Greek maxim "Acquire a competence and then practise virtue." Mussolini had acquired a competence and he seemed to be in an excellent position for practising virtue. He had achieved a great success; his rule was established; if he had gradually relaxed his grip and continued a policy of material development he might have gone down in history, in spite of his crimes against liberty, as a man with some constructive ideas to his credit. But the instincts that had guided him in his unscrupulous career were too strong: the flattery in which he basked was too disturbing to his balance; not content with his triumph, he dreamt of resounding glory as a conqueror. In consequence, whereas at one time he held the balance in Europe, he has no hope of survival to-day except as Hitler's puppet.

THE POW-WOW'S OVER!



Communal Life

By H. N. Brailsford

War has this compensation: that it smashes individualist traditions and compels men to realise that they form a community. A most promising development has been the growth of communal meals.

The Ministry of Food is not hampered by a venerable past: a jungle of red-tape requires several decades to reach maturity. Under Lord Woolton, with only a handful of civil servants on the staff, it has shown both enterprise and fresh thinking.

The gigantic task of controlling the import, storage and distribution of food for the whole population might well have occupied all its energies. But since the aerial Blitzkrieg grew serious, it has had to concern itself with the provision of communal cooked meals.

Mr. Bevin saw the need for maintaining the health and cheerfulness of the munition workers, toiling in peril and under excessive strain. The children and mothers evacuated to the country from dangerous areas had to be cared for.

In Coventry and other stricken towns where the housewife was for a time without water, electricity or gas, even when her house was undamaged, neighbouring cities and the Army rushed to the spot with their mobile kitchens and canteens. Finally, all over the country, certain categories of wage-earners together with the old-age pensioners presented the most difficult problem of all. While the cost of living has risen steeply, their incomes have stood still.

The Ministry has followed the usual English technique. It has not attempted to create a centralised machine, but it required and stimulated and helped the local authorities to act.

Every factory with a staff of 200 employees is now required to provide a canteen for its workers. Some supply hot meals at a low charge (10d. or 1s.) in cheerful surroundings; others do the minimum and sell only sandwiches and cakes with tea or hot soup.

Where they notoriously fail, the local authority steps in.

Happily the local authority usually had a nucleus which it could expand. Thanks to the provision of cheap meals to children in elementary schools, a staff of capable and enthusiastic teachers of domestic economy was available to direct the many willing volunteers, and behind them was an adequate experience of buying food in bulk. To extend this system to children in secondary schools and to the evacuees was fairly easy. The really exciting adventure begin only a few weeks ago, with the opening all over the country in the poorer districts of municipal restaurants for the workers. The Ministry offered the necessary equipment free, and some of it has been manufactured by mass production to its orders. These meals are open to all.

"What," the reader may ask, "does private enterprise say, when a municipality offers at 6d. a better meal than it would sell at 1s. 3d. or 1s. 6d.?" So far the answer is easy. These public restaurants have as yet been opened only in districts so poor that they would not tempt a profiteering concern.

"But," said I to one of the men who inspired this scheme, "when people throughout the city realise what you are doing, will they not flock to your communal meals?" "I hope so," said he. "And won't you have to expand?" Again he hoped so.

"And must not a system so beneficent become permanent?" Once more he had hopes.

I chose the shattered riverside area of East London for a visit of exploration. Many streets, oddly enough the main thoroughfares, are nearly normal and thronged with traffic. Behind them may lie a stretch of several acres where nothing remains but tangled ruins. Around such areas stretch mean little streets of two-storeyed buildings, whose walls look intact, but on a closer view the windows gape open and some of the woodwork is charred.

Amid this devastation I first visited an elementary school—the laboratory of the whole rapidly expanding system. The kitchen was spacious and spotlessly clean and the women in it worked quietly and with method. A happy buzz of talk came from the classrooms where the children were at dinner. They drank from pleasantly coloured mugs which, like the gaily coloured table-cloths had been specially designed and manufactured for these schools. The food was wholesome and well cooked and an ample meal cost the incredible sum of 3d. Any child could ask for a second portion and more than half of them did so.

In another school over two hundred adults dined daily and in a third over five hundred. The usual landscape with its many varieties of devastation, some brutal and some fantastic, lay around them. One of these schools had been struck in the terrific raids of that memorable first week-end of September. Every window was shattered and when Miss Anderson, the manager of the whole enterprise, a woman who evidently knows how to organise and also how to win the devotion of all who serve under her, visited it at 6 a.m., it had neither gas, water nor electricity. The engineers wrought miracles under the stimulus of her determination and by noon the first cooked dinners were ready as usual.

A long line of men and women, with the men predominating, were buying their tickets as I entered. It was a cold raw day and many looked tired and a few were dirty. Where in this devastation can they wash? Most of them sleep in shelters, some of them on the bunks which Mr. Morrison has provided, but some still on the ground. I could sense in my own body their feeling of ease and relief as they entered the warm and friendly room and surveyed what they might choose for 6d. You can buy for this sum one of three dishes of meat and vegetables and one of three sweets. The quantity was generous; the quality all one could ask, and once more the kitchen was a model of cleanliness and order. Best of all there was an atmosphere of kindliness and respect. Free citizens were helping one another to live while all, men and women together, faced the common danger. The usual cheap restaurant run for profit is incomparably less pleasant and less efficient, and its staff is sweated to the bone.

The economics of this new municipal venture belong to the improvisations of wartime. The charge of 6d. covers the cost of the food bought in bulk. The Borough gives free the building, the electric current and the services of the staff, but even if a charge were made hereafter for these overheads, a fantastically cheap meal could still be provided at 8d.

Many of the social gains of the last war, the admirable controls of foods and raw materials for example, were lost when the profiteers assailed them, because they had worked invisibly and the average man never knew what he gained. But his senses tell him all he need know about socialised meals. As I journeyed home through a city still, after months of battering, mainly intact, I wondered will any poet ever adequately sing the devotion of its common people—the boys who defend its liberty in the air, the women who know what community means, and the stoical endurance of these dockers who work all day in peril and sleep in squalor under arches?

A New Era

By Wickham Steed

Three points stand out to-day in the war position. One is President Roosevelt's "lease or lend" bill. Another is the beginning of a British and Allied air offensive in Europe by daylight. The third is the declaration by General Smuts, Prime Minister of the South African Union, that the enemy must be cleared out of Africa and that South Africa has dedicated herself to this task.

President Roosevelt's bill strikes British observers as epoch-making in the true sense of the term. It may prove to have inaugurated a new era in the political, economic and, above all, financial relations between freedom-loving democratic peoples. It seems to foreshadow cooperation and interdependence among nations which cherish similar political ideals, and a pooling of their resources for a common purpose. The Nazi and Fascist systems have aimed at economic and financial self-sufficiency, or "autarky," for the purpose of waging aggressive predatory war. The "lease or lend" principle accepts cooperation among democratic countries for resistance to aggression in the first instance and, perhaps, for the work of constructive peace in the second. This is what gives it an epoch-making character.

To its night-bombing operations the Royal Air Force has now added heavy daylight raids upon enemy aerodromes and other military targets. These daylight raids are a new feature in the war position. They amount to a determined offensive against the enemy. Since Hitler's mighty air offensives against England were smashed last summer and autumn by British Hurricanes and Spitfires there had been no large operations by daylight in Western Europe. Mr. Winston Churchill predicted some months ago that in 1941 we should gain mastery in the air. Many people now ask whether these daylight raids indicate that the Commanders of the British and Allied Air Force feel they have already begun to attain mastery in the air.

Whether or not this conclusion is warranted, I think the daylight offensive means that our numerical strength in aircraft and pilots is now great enough to allow us to run to risks that are more serious in air fighting by day than they are by night. In the past we have held our own against a numerically stronger enemy by the superior quality of our machines and the superior skill of their crews. Mr. Churchill's phrase: "Never in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few" will stand as a merited tribute to our comparatively small Air Force last year. But because our first-line machines and high-skilled pilots were then comparatively few, the strain upon them was severe. It would have been wrong to risk them in daylight offensives while they were still comparatively few. The fact that they are now being risked in daylight offensives seems to suggest that they are no longer few but are becoming many.

It must be remembered that the Royal Air Force though British is not only British. In it Polish, Czechoslovak, Free French, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian airmen play their part besides Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians and volunteer airmen from the United States. It is widely looked upon as the nucleus of the international air force of the future that will help to keep the peace when Nazi and Fascist aggression has been crushed. Like President Roosevelt's "lease or lend" bill it is truly epoch-making.

Epoch-making, too, is General Smuts' vision of the future of Africa. This African continent of ours, he said, must be rendered safe for the young democratic communities of the future which are setting up house within it.

South Africans are helping to restore the Emperor Haile Selassie to his native land. Australians broke through the Italian defences in Cyrenaica. No British Government could have commanded them or the Canadians or the New Zealanders to fight in our cause. They came of their own free will. They will expect, and will have, a voice in the making of a democratic peace from which the very possibility of aggressive war will be removed.

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JERVIS BAY EPIC TOLD IN LONDON COURT

THE EPIC STORY of the Jervis Bay, and the ships she saved in convoy when it was attacked by a German raider, was retold recently in a British Court when a salvage action was brought by members of the crew of a tanker, the San Demetrio. These men told how they were forced to abandon their ship when it was shelled, and later returned to it, bringing it safely to port. The seamen were awarded various sums for their services in an uncontested case.

His Lordship awarded the plaintiffs sums totalling £14,700 in the action in which Mr. Arthur Godfrey Hawkins, aged 26, the second officer of the defendants' motor-vessel San Demetrio, 14 other members of her crew, and the personal representatives of John Boyle, a greaser, claimed salvage remuneration for services rendered to the San Demetrio, her cargo and freight after the vessel had been attacked on the afternoon of November 5, 1940, by the armed raider which sank the escorting auxiliary cruiser Jervis Bay.

The San Demetrio, a tanker of 8,073 gross tons, laden with a full cargo of petrol, was damaged severely, and, as it was highly dangerous for the crew to remain on board, the captain gave the order to abandon ship. The convoy, of which the San Demetrio was one, had previously been ordered to scatter.

Her complement left her in three boats, one of which was commanded by the plaintiff, Mr. Hawkins, and was manned by the other plaintiffs. The boats rapidly dropped astern of the ship which a few minutes later was seen to burst into flames.

The weather steadily deteriorated, and by dawn on November 6 there was a strong gale and high seas. The boats lost touch and nothing further was seen by the plaintiffs of the other two boats. During the whole of that day the plaintiffs' boat was kept head on to the great seas. In the early hours of the afternoon the tanker was sighted again. She was still on fire and surrounded by petrol floating on the water.

Better Weather

At dawn on November 7 the weather had moderated. At noon the plaintiffs boarded the ship with considerable difficulty. There was a fierce fire still burning aft and the ship was glowing hot amidships. The bridge and all its surrounding structure were destroyed; compasses, steering-gear, charts, and wireless had all gone; and the only alternative method of steering, the steering-gear aft, was partially destroyed and only four spokes of the wheel were left.

Throughout the night of November 7-8 the plaintiffs fought the fires and succeeded in extinguishing them in the early forenoon of November 8.

A temporary steering platform was constructed, and in the afternoon the main engines were put in operation. A speed of about nine knots was maintained.

On November 14 a British warship arrived, put a party of officers and ratings on board, and rendered great assistance. Escorted by the warship, the San Demetrio then set a course for the Clyde, where she arrived on the night of November 16 with 10,000 tons of cargo still remaining in her.

"The value of the San Demetrio in her damaged condition, together with the cargo and freight, was £300,000.

"Great Story Of The Sea"

Mr. Miller said that it was a great story of the sea. Nothing perhaps was more unpleasant than the North Atlantic in a small boat in winter time, but in his submission that was safer than boarding a petrol-laden vessel seriously on fire with no knowledge of her condition. If the fire had reached the tanks that would have been the end of her. The plaintiffs without charts or compasses proceeded with her hundreds of miles, made a correct landfall, and brought the ship and her valuable cargo into safety. Never in the Admiralty Court had a more meritorious service been brought to its notice, and it was deserving of the highest possible award.

Mr. Hayward, for the defendants, said that in most salvage cases there were contentions and opposition. In this case his task was far happier. He was there to support to the full those tributes to the conduct of the claimants which had been made by the managing director of the firm which he (counsel) represented, and not to quarrel in any way with the evidence which had been given by the claimants.

Mr. Hawkins was a worthy successor of his great Elizabethan namesake.

Mr. Justice Langton, in giving judgment, said that he was glad that it was not his duty to attempt to do justice in words to the value of the service; he would feel his powers unequal to it. He had only the lesser, but not by any means simple, duty of measuring the just reward as between the salvors and the owners of the salved property. That task had been simplified by the attitude of the owners, who were grateful to the claimants and full of admiration of their exploit. They had assisted in every way in putting forward the case, and had taken the unprecedented step of guaranteeing the claimants' costs in the action- a gesture which reflected credit on them, and was in accordance with the best traditions of the ship-owning community. It was a great English story of the sea.

With magnificent courage the Jervis Bay turned towards the German raider, giving the ships of the convoy a chance to escape. The San Demetrio with a full cargo of petrol, however, was an easy prey. She was repeatedly hit, and her master properly gave the order to abandon ship. When the plaintiffs reboarded her, in mid-Atlantic, with only one dinghy left on board, and in bad weather, with two of the boats' crew seriously injured, the condition of the ship was pitiable in the extreme. The fires were put out, and innumerable holes plugged with the help of men, many of whom ought to have been in the sick bay.

Splendid Story

"I do not think," said his Lordship, "that I am using language of exaggeration if I say that when the splendid story of the Jervis Bay comes to be written in full the tale of courage, resource, and skill with which the salving of the San Demetrio was accomplished will afford a fitting and not unworthy sequel to what Mr. Miller has happily called one of the great English stories of the sea."

His Lordship referred to a report drawn up by the managing director of the company owning the ship which, he remarked, was not intended to receive any publicity. One passage dealt with the stoical courage of John Boyle, another with the part played by Ross Preston, an American who joined the crew as a Nova Scotian because he wanted to reach Britain to join one of the fighting forces. He was simply magnificent, the report said, and it added: "No finer tribute can be paid to this man than the unanimous request made by all on board that the Red Ensign which the vessel was flying all through the action until she arrived in port should be presented to their American shipmate."

Two Days Of Agony

He said that speaking of John Boyle the greaser, who, during two days of agony in the boat never complained, and then carried on work in the engine-room until too weak even to sit on a box in the stokehole, when he was moved to one of the few rooms not gutted and found dead in the morning, the report stated: "In this unspectacular manner passed a hero."

The total award, said his Lordship, would be £14,700, of which he awarded £2,000 to Mr. Hawkins, £2,000 to Mr. Pollard the chief engineer, and sums ranging from £1,400 to £100 to the other plaintiffs. To the personal representatives of John Boyle he awarded £1,000.

He could not quit the case without thanking everybody concerned for one of the happiest working days of his life spent in listening to a very modest recital by two gallant gentlemen concerning a memorable achievement.

INTERNED BRITONS' DASH FOR FREEDOM

It is officially stated in Dublin that four British military internees escaped. They had all been apprehended and returned to their place of internment.

No details were given, but it is learned that the men were members of the R.A.F. A night and day search was made before they were recaptured.

DISOBEYED BUT WON THE M.M.

Gunner Who Hit 'Plane

Gunner A. E. Bennett, of an A.A. battery, R.A., whose home is at The Thorns, Kelvedon Common, near Chelmsford, Essex, has been awarded the Military Medal—as a result of disobeying regulations.

He and another gunner were left in charge of an A.A. gun. Regulations forbid the firing of a gun without orders from a superior officer, but when an enemy aircraft suddenly appeared within easy range the temptation was too great.

Remarking to his comrade, "I can't let a chance like this go by," Gunner Bennett fired and the raider came crashing to earth.

An officer came quickly to inquire who had ordered the gun to be fired. Bennett replied. "No one, sir, but it was such a chance to bag him I simply had to fire."

A court of inquiry was held to consider what action should be taken for the non-compliance with an order. The facts were laid before the General Officer Commanding and his decision was: "No punishment. Gunner Bennett to be awarded the Military Medal."

DUNKIRK REVELATION

SUICIDE SQUAD OF 9 GALLANT BRITISH PILOTS

NINE OLD 'PLANES lumbered heavily across the field and waddled off into the early morning mists the day that the retirement from Dunkirk started, writes an America Pilot, who was in England at the time, to the "Oregonian." We stood along the edge of the field. No one said a word as the drone of the ships' engines faded in the east.

No one said a word. We couldn't. We knew that the nine smiling youngsters who lounged behind the joysticks in those old crates were never coming back. They had known it, too. But they had smiled as they moved up from the line to take their turns in the take-off.

And they didn't come back. But 300,000 other young men came back from Dunkirk in their places. I'll never forget that morning.

The story of those nine youngsters and their nine old crates has never been told before now. Their story will go down with history's other stories of valour and heroism.

If it hadn't been for them, Dunkirk might have been a far greater tragedy. Instead, somewhere between 250,000 and 350,000 English and French soldiers came back. I don't know the exact number of those that escaped. I doubt that anyone does, for they came across the channel by ones, by twos, by hundreds, and they came in everything from rowboats to automobile ferries. Navy men have said it was the strangest flotilla in the history of war, and so it was.

Call For Volunteers

Towards the end of May the brass hats put out a call for volunteer pilots. Similar calls had been put out before for particularly dangerous missions, but this one was different. It was understood that the ones picked wouldn't come back. Nothing was actually said, but everyone knew.

Some 1,350 men knew of the call. And 1,300 volunteered. Thirteen were picked by lot, but it wasn't until the chatter of their engines had faded in the morning mist that any of us knew precisely where they were going on this suicide mission.

As the orders would have it, their objective was to destroy a German gasoline dump at Calais. It sounds simple, but it wasn't. The Germans are very conserving with their precious gasoline — gasoline that supplies their fighters, their bombers, their tanks and panzer divisions. Rather than maintain bases and gasoline dumps far behind the lines, they moved them up as the infantry consolidated occupied territory. They moved the gasoline from storage tank to storage tank through big rubber hoses that could be laid down and rolled up in the matter of hours.

Thus shortly after they had taken Calais, they were running gas into nine big oil tanks that weren't far from the Calais aerodrome. The gasoline supplied the tanks, 'planes and the fleet of fast motorboats that had been built up to harry Channel shipping. The tanks were ringed with anti-aircraft guns, and a constant guard maintained.

Certain Death

The English, of course, were not long in finding out about that dump. Its military importance to the German was obvious. But scout bombers that happened anywhere near the area had undergone intense anti-aircraft fire, and had to face whole squadrons of fighting 'planes.

And so it was that those nine young men were picked and sent off on a mission that was certain suicide.

We watched them load those 'planes. Each one had been stripped of everything but the most necessary instruments. But they had more than enough bombs for even an intensive bombing flight. It seemed to us as we watched that they were rolling bombs out to those ships for hours.

Hundreds of pounds of high explosives went under each wing and as sort of a crowning touch a pair of aerial torpedoes were strapped on.

And then the motors were turned over. The nine young fliers walked over to their ships. They smiled a tight little smile, waved and were gone in the morning mists.

From that moment on the good Lord alone knows precisely what happened; exactly what went on in the minds of those men. But we knew what they were supposed to do and what they must have done for their objective was accomplished. The nine ships flying close together climbed up and up as they crossed the Channel until they were far above the ack-acks. Then they came down, straight down, over Calais, and each of the nine 'planes dove full tilt into one of the nine tanks before the Germans had time to realise that British 'planes were near. At the moment of contact 'planes, men and tanks must have washed into nothingness in one terrific burst.

Great Heroism

In my lifetime I have never seen a greater bit of heroism. Those nine men gave up their lives deliberately, but not without gain for Britain. The Germans on the advance front found themselves with nothing but the gasoline actually in use.

And without gasoline the tanks and panzer divisions were strapped, which, however, in no way lessens the valour and heroism of the 800 Scotchmen who also played a major role at Dunkirk. Those 800 Scotchmen, fighting in their kilts despite the fact official British army sources frown on kilts, held back five whole divisions of Germans for 24 hours along toward the end of the retreat. They enabled the last man to walk off the beach with the first German still a comparatively long way inland.

PRISON FOR SMOKING

Ella Bain, aged 37, Great George Street, Glasgow, who, at a Scottish Sheriff Court was sent to prison for six weeks, admitted, being found in a protected place with six cigarettes and 10 live matches contrary to the Defence Regulations. It was stated that Bain, a factory employee, deliberately brought in cigarettes and matches to have a smoke when she felt inclined.

BIRCH FOR BOY OF 9

A boy of nine was at Salford juvenile court ordered six strokes of the birch for wounding his nine-year-old friend by stabbing him with a knife. "It is only by good luck that you are not a murderer" the chairman told him. It was stated that there would be an appeal.

UNIQUE CHINA LOST IN RAID

Secret Which Died With Potters

A collection of Badkin lustre ware, the only one in existence, was destroyed in the fire raid on the city of London.

It belonged to Mr. Charles R. S. Taylor, a freeman, who all his life had lived in the famous square mile, like his father before him and his grandfather, too.

"There was nothing like that collection," said Mr. Taylor in his new home in a West End hotel. "It was nearly 200 years old, and it had come down to us from the ancestors who made it at their pottery in Longton, Staffordshire. I inherited it from my father.

"When the potters died their secret went with them, and our specimens were the only ones in existence.

"The distinctive feature of the ware, which consisted of a loving cup, tea cups, saucers and many other articles, was the silver or gold lustre that had been applied to it.

"The British Museum on one occasion asked for it to be lent to them, but we were afraid it might be broken. No maid was ever allowed to touch it. My wife and I at regular intervals would clean it ourselves, and the brightness of the silver and gold was never lost.

"Now it has all been destroyed."

WROTE FOR BUTTER

Mrs Phyllis May Bigg-Wither, Rivermead Court, Hurlingham, who was stated to have written to a grocer in Dundalk, Louth, asking for a pound of butter and a pound of bacon to be sent to her each week, was fined £4 and ordered to pay £2 2s costs at West London Police Court.

It was said that she asked that the parcel should be marked "Butter — gift" so that she would "get it without trouble."

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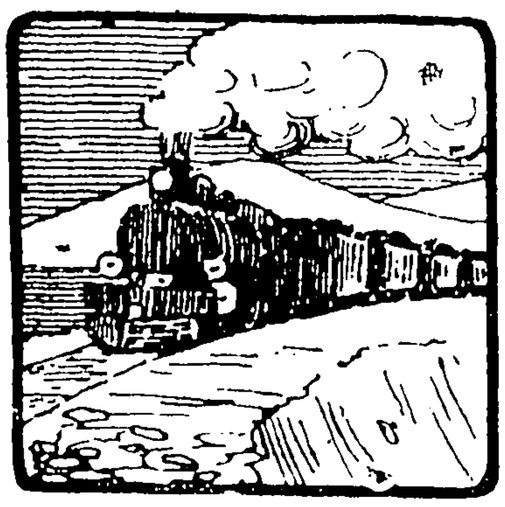

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,900 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 18 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN.
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

An Unusual Bid

By The Four Aces

"This hand stumped us, and for the life of us we can't see how we should bid it," is the plaint of a reader. "Can you advise us?

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

	♠ Q 6 ♡ A J 10 ◇ K Q J 9 8 3 ♣ 7 6	
♠ K 7 5 2 ♡ 9 8 7 ◇ 6 5 2 ♣ Q 8 3	N W E S	♠ 9 8 4 3 ♡ K 6 4 3 2 ◇ A 7 ♣ 5 2
	♠ A J 10 ♡ Q 5 ◇ 10 4 ♣ A K J 10 9 4	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

"We got a heart lead, lost the finesse, lost the spade finesse, and had to lose a club and a diamond, too. But three no-trump was cold as the proverbial mackerel I didn't see how I could bid no-trump with the South cards because I didn't have a stopper in hearts; and North couldn't see how he could bid no-trump with the North cards, because he didn't have a stopper in spades. If either one of us had felt like gambling he could have bid no-trump, I suppose, but that wouldn't be scientific, would it? How would experts get around this?"

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING .. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF HAND
AVERAGE HAND 10

Experts have a way of getting to such games scientifically, but before we even describe the method we want to make it plain that only good players can use this method safely. South's second bid, if he were an expert with an expert partner, should be two spades! Then North would bid two no-trump, and South could safely bid three no-trump since his partner guarantees a stopper in hearts by bidding two no-trump.

If North doesn't have a stopper in hearts, he will rebid diamonds, or support clubs or spades. If North raises to three spades, South can go to four clubs safely enough. And if North is enthusiastic enough to jump from two to four spades. South should probably pass and play the hand at that contract. Provided only that North is a good enough player to understand that two spades is a very strong bid, there can be little harm in using this rather unusual bid.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 3
♡ Q 10 8
◇ J 10 8 4
♣ K 10 7 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Jacoby	You
3◇	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your length in diamonds makes it seem likely that your partner wanted to be taken out of this double; but your flat distribution and general strength suit your hand much better to defence than to offence.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 667

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 3 2
♡ K 7 4
◇ A 5
♣ A J 9 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
Pass	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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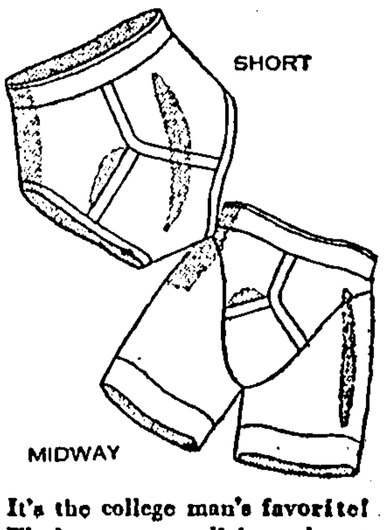

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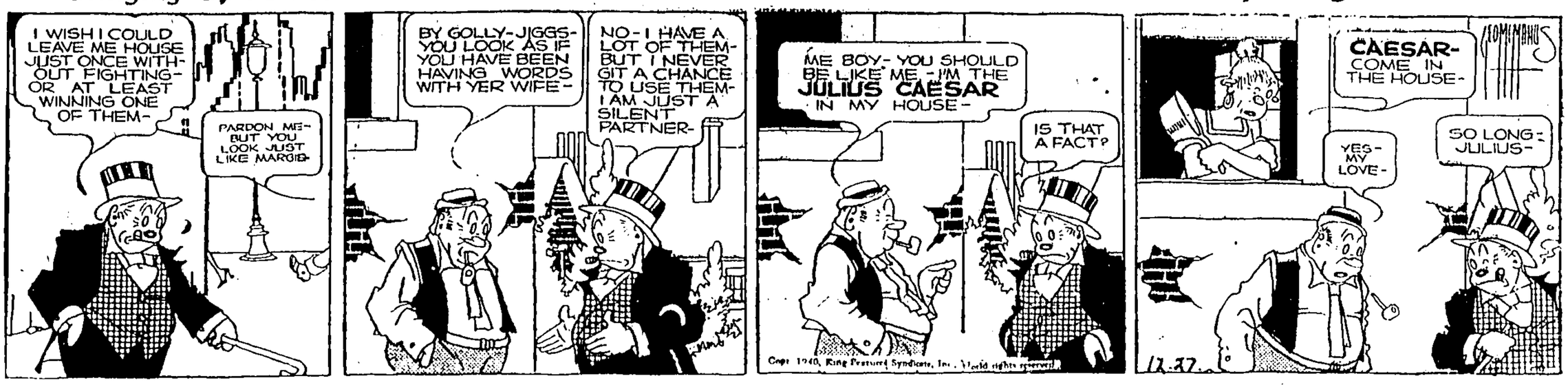


A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Prepare For Radiant Spring

In general, good health habits result in good health and normal beauty. Bad health habits result in sickness, unhappiness and ruined beauty. So it does pay to adopt a health routine and to stick to it.

If you hope to meet the spring in good health and with a buoyancy you must work in March and April. Two months is but a brief period to compensate for several months of health indifference. Daily you must exercise for at least fifteen or twenty minutes. If you haven't been exercising begin with limbering and stretching movements and then continue with the more strenuous refashioning exercises. Drink plenty of water every day, eat well planned meals at regular hours, get sufficient rest. It might be a splendid thing for you to have your annual physical examination and visit to your dentist. Get busy and renovate yourself so come spring you can meet it with beauty and pep.

Gale Storm limbers at home. From this position she rises and throws her arms outward. Repeat exercise bending knees alternatively.

Avoid Fatigue

"Overfatigue," as one doctor puts it, is caused by the lack of an organised daily programme, which should allow for regular periods of rest as well as for work. Thus the strain of modern, hectic living is reduced and permits a woman to meet new demands on her energy with refreshed body and mind.

To avoid overfatigue lighten your daily programme as much as possible. Don't clutter up your time with unnecessaries. Don't rush about and fret, and worry about people and things which can get along without your fussing. Learn to say "No," to some demands on your time. Be selfish insofar as you reserve some time for a few breaths of fresh air and a few hours for relaxation. Once you get wound up and going in circles, so to speak, it is difficult to let up and relax.

If you find yourself keyed up and nervous take ten minutes out for relaxing exercises. Then lie flat on the floor or on other hard surface for five minutes. Forget everything. Make your mind a blank and when you get up count up to ten slowly before you again begin your tasks.

Some women, it is true, have too much to do and no means of being helped. But legion are the women who make work for themselves and others. In a scatter-brained manner they go about doing things the hard way and use twice the energy their tasks actually required. To such women my advice is to let everything go for two days except the vitally necessary tasks. They should pretend they are very ill and just sit back. To their amazement they will find that the world goes on as usual without their hectic dashing about! During their rest hours of those two days they should frankly reorganise their daily programmes and determine to save their strength and allow more time for good health habits.

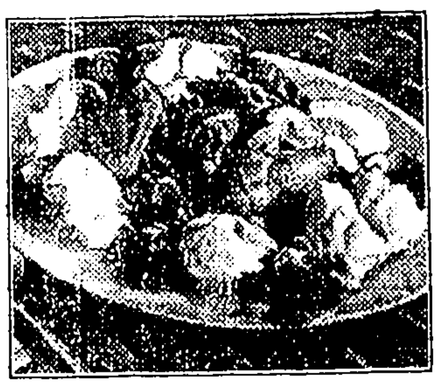
We Want To Help

If you follow this column regularly you will be given beneficial exercises to practice, you will learn valuable facts about planning menus, and as many beauty hints as your heart desires. It is our job to help you to be healthy and beautiful and we want to help you give yourself a sporting chance!

Chicken Fricassee *and Dumplings with* Mushroom Sauce

by Dorothy Greig

CHICKEN fricassee is a comfortable family sort of dish. When it comes to the table the glistening chicken pieces so tender the meat parts from the bones with a fork, surrounded by thickened gravy and topped with feathery dumplings, then gather around. For here is savory eating.



Especially is it good fixed this new way. We use condensed cream of mushroom soup to add its creaminess and mushroom flavor to the already deep chicken flavor of the gravy.

Fricassee of Chicken and Dumplings with Mushroom Sauce

1 fowl (3-5 pounds)
1 slice onion, carrot and stalk of celery
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Wash fowl and cut into pieces; place in stewing kettle with slice of onion, carrot and stalk of celery, add water to half cover (about 1½ quarts) and simmer slowly. When chicken is half-cooked, add the salt and pepper. Cook slowly for one and a half to two hours or until fowl is tender.

Dumplings for Fricassee

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons shortening

Sift the flour and measure. Then combine flour, salt and baking powder and sift again. Cut in the shortening and then stir in the milk to form a medium soft dough. It may not be necessary to use the entire cup of milk. Drop the dumplings from a teaspoon on top of the chicken in the stew. Cover tightly and steam for 12-15 minutes.

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can chicken stock from fricassee

Combine the cream of mushroom soup with the chicken stock from fricassee (using soup can for a measure). Heat well and pour the sauce over the chicken and dumplings which have been arranged on a platter or chop plate.

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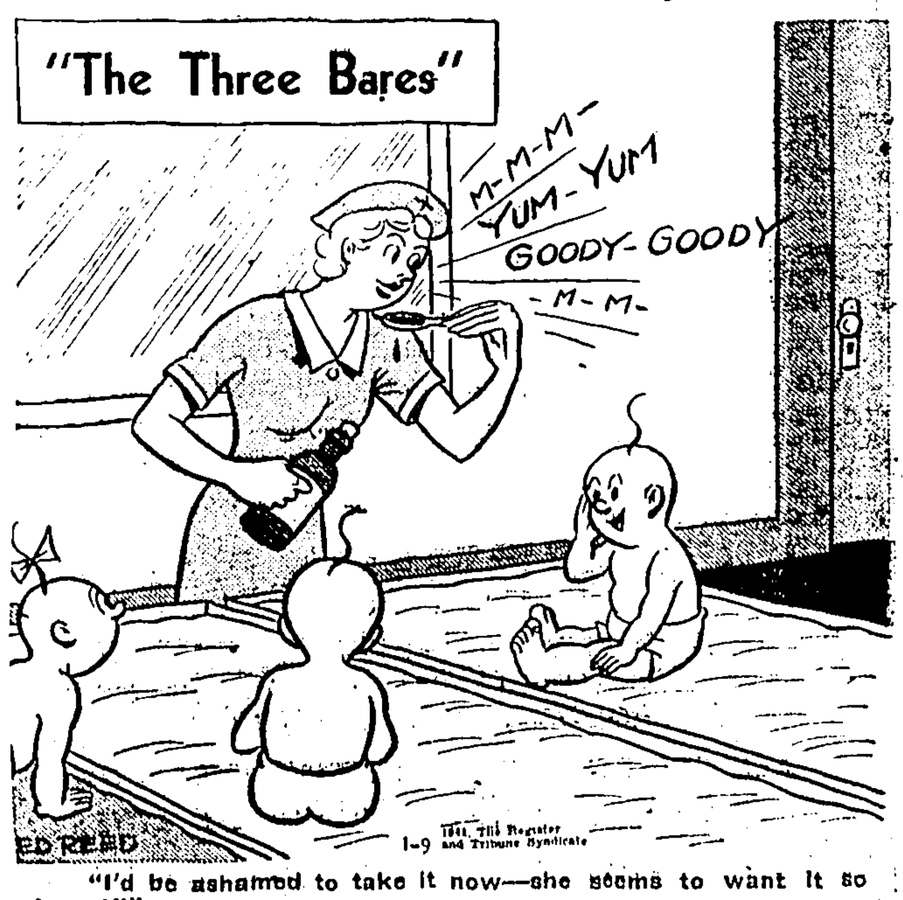

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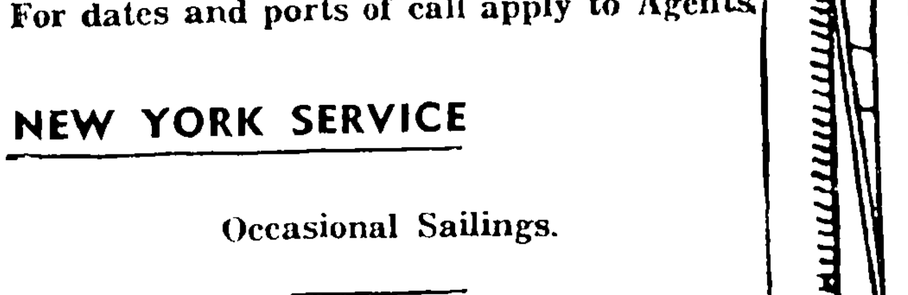

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin. Cuban Overture....Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Rosa Linda at the Piano; I Got Plenty O' Nuttin' (from 'Porgy & Bess')....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Male Chorus; Second Rhapsody....Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Roy Barby at the Piano; Lullaby: Summertime and the livin' Is easy (from 'Porgy & Bess')....Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal
1.01 p.m.—Variety with The Hill Billies and Len Fillis.
Vocal—Memories of An Old Cow Hand....The Hill Billies; Vocal—My First Thrill (film 'She shall have music')....June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra; Hawaiian Guitar—Swanee Moon (Towers & Others)....Len Fillis with Piano; Vocal—Do The Runaround (film 'She shall have music')....June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra; Vocal—Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Robison)....The Hill Billies; Accordeon—'The Hobgoblins—Polka....Walter Porschmann; Vocal—We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton & Rose)....The Hill Billies; Hawaiian Guitar—Waltzing to the Guitar Medley. Intro: Destiny; Missouri; I Love the Moon, Alice Blue Gown; Love will find a Way; My Hero....Len Fillis.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 129. Gregor Piatigorsky ('Cello) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spree....Teddy Powell & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Il Pleurait (film 'Pieges'); Mon Petit Kaki....L'Accordeoniste Deprince & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby; Junk Man....Jack Teagarden & His Orchestra.
Tangos—La Punalada; Se Lo Llevaron....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Quickstep—Give Me My Ranch; Fox-Trot—Goodnight, My Beautiful....Ken 'Snakehips' Johnson & His West Indian Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Piano Duets by Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 2—Intro: Goodnight my love; So do I; I need you; Boo-Hoo; Love Marches On; What will I tell my Heart.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 24—Intro: When you wear your Sunday Blue; It's a lovely day to-morrow; Moonlight Avenue; Careless; A little rain must fall; I cried for you.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Brigadier-General French, C.M.G., C.B.E., on 'Censorship'.
8.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Oceans Apart (Rooney, Miller)....Judy Garland with Orchestra; Orch.—Play Gypsy (Kalman)....Hungarian Gypsy Band; Vocal—Figaro (from 'Babes in Arms')....Judy Garland with Orchestra; Orch.—Blue Forget-Me-Not (Banffy)....Hungarian Gypsy Band; Humorous Monologue—Keeping a Stiff Upper, Play Up and Pay the Dame....Oliver Wakefield ('The Voice of Inexperience'); Mouth Organ—Night Over Shanghai (film 'The Singing Marine')....Larry Adler with Orchestra; Vocal—Chloe (Song of the Swamp) (Kahn & Moret)....The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Escorts; Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love To-night (film 'The Singing Marine')....Larry Adler with Orchestra & Vocal.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

Dieting Dot says all these people who rave about exercise being heaps of fun don't know what hard work means.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—A Recital by Frederick Thurston, Wanda Landowska and Lily Pons.
Preludes Nos. 1 and 2 in C Major; Prelude No 3 in C Minor; Fugue in C Minor for Two Voices (Bach)....Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord).
Suite for Two Clarinets (Alan Frank): Prelude-March-Rondo-Dirge - Finale....Frederick Thurston and Ralph Clarke (Two Clarinets).
Lo! Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop) Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra and Flute Obbligato.
Fantasia in D Minor (Mozart)....Wanda Landowska (Piano).
Ah! I Knew It (from 'The Magic Flute'—Mozart)....Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra.
A Truro Maggot (Philip Browne—In 17th Century Manner); Gigue (C. H. Lloyd); Largo and Allegro Giocoso (Galuppi-Craxton)....Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano).
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m. — London Relay — 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).
Song of the Volga Boatmen (Chaliapine, Koenemann); The Prophet, Op. 49 (Rimsky-Korsakov); Slander is a whispering zephyr ('The Barber of Seville'—Rossini).
10.27 p.m.—Compositions of Prokofieff. 'Love of the Three Oranges'—March and Scherzo—Waltz Scherzo....London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
Gavotte (from 'Classical Symphony', Op. 25)....Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano.
Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26—1st Mov: Andante-Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andantino-Tema con variazione 1—5; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo l'istesso tempo....Serge Prokofieff (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

NO LONGER SAFETY FIRST

The National Safety First Association has decided to change its title to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. A. Pickhard, general secretary, said they felt their accident prevention work might be handicapped if it were waged under a slogan contrary to the present needs and spirit of the country.

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COL. BINGHAM RELIEVED OF COMMAND

LT.-COL. R. C. BINGHAM, who, in a letter which appeared in the "Times" on Jan. 15, criticised officers of the new Army drawn from the middle, lower middle, and working classes, has been relieved of his command of the 168th Officer Cadet Training Unit.

This was announced in the House of Commons by Capt. Margesson, Secretary for War.

Col. Bingham, at his home in Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington, declined to be interviewed, but sent the following brief and pointed statement to a reporter:

An officer is not allowed to open his mouth. Unfortunately, I did so, and am paying for it. It is the privilege of an officer to be shot at without answering back.

No statement has been authorised concerning the future employment of Col. Bingham. At the moment the position is that he will, at least temporarily, be retired. It is a matter for future consideration by the Army Council whether he is employed in another capacity.

Breach Of Regulations

Capt. Margesson, announcing his decision in reply to Mr Lees-Smith (Soc.), said Col Bingham had committed a breach of the King's Regulations. An expression of the Army Council's severe displeasure had been conveyed to him.

"This disposes of the disciplinary aspect of the matter," Capt Margesson added. "In addition I have decided that this officer is no longer suitable for the command of an officers' cadet training unit (cheers) and I have given instructions for him to be relieved of his command."

Mr Bellenger (Soc.) asked whether the Army Council dissociated itself entirely from the views expressed in the letter.

Capt Margesson: I do not think I can usefully add to my answer, which is perfectly clear.

Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Knox (Con.): Does not the Minister agree that the "Times" newspaper was greatly at fault in publishing the letter? (Cheers.)

Capt Margesson's attention was drawn to a work called "Reginald" by the inimitable Saki, H. H. Munro, which tells the story of the unfortunate results to a woman who set out to tell the truth.

This question was not answered.

Saki's Story

"The Woman Who Told the Truth" is a modern fable in one of the "Reginald" sketches by Saki. It points the moral that it does not always pay to tell the truth. The sketch tells of a woman who contracted the habit of veracity until she became constitutionally incapable of telling a lie—even about her age.

"At last the dreadful thing came," says the author. "On a raw Wednesday morning, in a few well-chosen words, she told the cook that she drank. . . . The cook was a good cook, as cooks go; and as cooks go, she went.

"Miriam Klopstock (a friend who had been insulted by a previous out-burst of candour) came to lunch the next day. Women and elephants never forget."

Served In Last War

Col. Bingham, who was educated at Eton, is 55. He served throughout the last war, during which he won the D.S.O. and the Italian Silver Medal for Military Valour, was wounded three times, mentioned in despatches and promoted. He is married and has one son and one daughter.

In his letter Col. Bingham wrote: "Never was the old school tie and the best that it stands for more justified than it is to-day.

"Our new armies are being officered by classes of society who are new to the job. The middle, lower-middle and working classes are now receiving the King's Commission.

"These classes, unlike the old aristocratic and feudal (almost) classes who led the old army, have never had 'their people' to consider. They have never had anyone to think of but themselves. This aspect of life is completely new to them, and they have very largely fallen down on it in their capacity as army officers."

CITED, HE IS LEFT £7,000

A fortune of £7,000 has been left to Mr. Frederick T. Ryan, Lord Charlemont's former chauffeur, whom Lord Charlemont cited as co-respondent in his petition for divorce.

It comes to him under the will of Evelyn Fanny Charlotte, Viscountess Charlemont, of Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, Chelsea, who was killed during and air raid last October.

Lord Charlemont in his petition alleged that Lady Charlemont and Mr. Ryan had visited the Old Ship Hotel at Mere, Wilts.

He obtained a decree absolute in April last year.

The decree nisi was not due to be made absolute before July, but Lord Charlemont, who was then very ill, applied to have the matter expedited because, if he should die in the meantime, his former wife would have inherited £300 a year.

Lady Charlemont left £27,688 gross, with net personalty £23,-865. Estate duty amounts to £4,667. After bequests amounting to £12,000 to a nephew and nieces, she left the residue of her property to Mr. Ryan.

MAPLE LEAF UNCLE SAM?

Flight Lieutenant Nick Nickerbocker, formerly a Hollywood stunt flyer, has asked the Canadian Government to allow American airmen in the Royal Canadian Air Force to wear on their tunics a representation of the figure of Uncle Sam, super-imposed on the maple leaf.

The Government is considering the suggestion.

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SEAMAN DEFIED SUBMARINE

The defiance of a member of the crew of the British steamer Shakespeare, 5,029 tons, who preferred death to being rescued by the Italians was described by Capt. Bailey. His exclusive story was to-day cabled from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Island.

Capt. Bailey, who for three hours fought with a submarine of superior armament, had been too ill to speak of his experiences before.

"When after three hours' fight we abandoned our sinking ship the submarine took our lifeboat in tow," he said. "One of my men, an elderly seaman, shouted 'I won't be saved by them.'

"He scrambled to the bows of the boat and began hacking at the tow-rope with a knife. Shipmates pulled him back, but he kept on shouting to the submarine, 'We don't need help from you.'

Jumped Into Sea

"Then he broke away from his shipmates and jumped into the sea. We tried in vain to get him back. For a little while he swam behind the boat until exhausted. Then he raised an arm in an attempt to wave, and called out 'goodbye' before he disappeared."

Capt Bailey refused the submarine commander's invitation to go aboard to have his wounds dressed. As a result of exposure in the open boat before being picked up by a Portuguese sloop he is suffering from severe blistering caused by the sun and salt water.

"The submarine attacked about 150 miles north of the island of Sal, in the Cape Verde group," he said. "Immediately she fired the first shot I ordered the gun crew to reply. The men behaved with magnificent courage in the face of repeated hits.

"As soon as one member of the gun crew was killed or wounded another man leapt forward to take his place, without needing the word of command. Our fire certainly killed two and wounded several others."

79 Of Crew Missing

The captain and 25 other survivors of the torpedoed British steamer Nalgora, 6,579 tons, reached the Cape Verde Islands after seven days in an overcrowded lifeboat. The remaining 79 members of the crew in four other boats are missing.

One of the survivors, whose arm projected over the lifeboat's side, was attacked by a shark which the captain beat off with a boat hook.

A submarine, believed to be Italian, attacked the Nalgora at night without warning. After the vessel had heeled over, the submarine commander gave the crew 35 minutes to abandon ship. Then he ordered the Nalgora to be sunk with gunfire. The submarine left the British crew 100 miles from land.

NAZIS TAKE AWAY CHURCH WINDOWS

By order of the German military command, stained glass windows from the famous Brussels church of St. Gedule have been dismantled. Packed in 100 cases, the glass has been taken away to what the Nazis call a "place of safety."

The inference is that they expect or fear the Belgian capital may soon be in the firing line, or else they want to impress the inhabitants with the idea that Britain intends to bomb the city.

Germany is treating Belgians with even less consideration than the other peoples under her domination. The shortage and [illegible] and bad distribution of food and other supplies is ascribed to the Belgians' own inefficiency.

SARAH SIMPLE FOR SERVICES

A special performance of "Sarah Simple" has been arranged for men of the Services to-night.

A. A. Milne's play is very light fare, full of amusing and swift dialogue and scenes and it provides admirable distraction from the cares of war, income tax and evacuation.

The opening night is to-morrow and the play will run until Saturday. Booking for seats at $3.30, $2.20 and $1.10, is being handled by the Anderson Music Co. and it would be as well to book as soon as possible as the last nights are already heavily booked.

The number of invitations accepted by the Services for to-night promises a full house for this comedy of the vague inventor who named the wrong man as co-respondent when his wife left him. This slip leads to complications and trying situations on his charming wife's sudden return just as he is attempting to establish a liaison wth the attractive but conventionally minded widow of a Canon.

The cast is headed by Sheilah Mackinlay as the lovely Sarah Simple, Claude Burgess as her corkscrew inventing husband, and Day Sage as the attractive widow, a part which carries some of the most shattering lines in the play.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are the soulful, adolescent twins, and W. E. Kirby gives a cameo of a depressed detective-minded 'pub waiter.

BLACK-OUT TO-NIGHT AT TAIPO

If the weather conditions hold, a black out exercise to experiment with the Star-Lighting system will be held at Taipo, between 11 p.m. and midnight to-morrow.

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Hockey

IN the Large Units' Hockey League Middlesex Regiment have a seven-point lead over the 5/7th Rajput Regiment.

On Saturday the Middies defeated the H.K.S.R.A. by seven goals to three.

Matches played during last week were as follows:—

5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat H.K.S.R.A. 2—1.

5/7th Rajput Regt. beat Combined Small Units 6—0.

Fortress Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units 3—1.

Middlesex Regt beat H.K.S.R.A. 7—3.

LEAGUE POSITION TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Middlesex Regt	9	8	0	1	17
5/7th Rajput Regt	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy Regt	7	3	1	3	9
5th A.A. Regt	6	3	1	2	8
2/R. Scots	6	1	4	1	3
36th Hvy. Regt	7	2	4	1	5
H.K.S.R.A.	6	1	3	2	4
Fortress R.E.	7	2	5	0	4
2/14th Punjab Regt	5	1	2	2	4
Combined S.U.	6	0	4	2	2

To-day at Shamshuipo the British Army team will meet the Indian Army team in the Quadrangular Tournament, bully off 4.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to play:

L/Cpl Dove (Royal Signals) Cpl Neve (Royal Scots) and Bdr Anderson (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.), Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.), Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers) Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.) Lieut Clague (Royal Artillery), Pte Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.) Pte Hitchcott (Royal Scots), Cpl Shaw (Royal Engineers) and Cpl Singleton (Royal Engineers).

Reserves:—Cpl Allsey (Royal Scots) and S/Sgt Saxby (Royal Engineers).

This same team will play against Royal Navy on Friday at Kings Park, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

The final of the Small Units Knockout Competition will be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday between the Third Medium Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

Colonel L. A. Newnham, M.C., President of Hong Kong Area Hockey, will present the prizes to the winners and runners up at the conclusion of the match.

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Rugby Football

TO-DAY, in the Large Units Rugby League, Royal Engineers will play the Combined Small Units and should have no difficulty in accounting for them. The Engineers have not yet lost in this League.

The Royal Artillery will play the Middlesex Regiment and this should prove a good game as the sides are evenly matched.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	1	0	6
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Middlesex Regt	5	1	4	0	2
Combined S.U.	4	0	3	1	1

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Tennis

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Army Tennis League held on Monday the following officials were selected for the coming season:

President—Capt C. H. R. Hyde.

Secretary—L/Cpl. Bushell (Corps Military Police).

Committee—Major D. C. E. Grose (Royal Engineers), Cpl Husband (Royal Signals), S/Sgt Mitchell (Royal Engineers), S/Sgt Adams (R.A.O.C.) and representatives from Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment.

It was proposed by Capt R. E. Guest and carried that an Army singles championship should be included in the competitions for the season, open to all Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men.

A proposal by R.A.M.C. that a separate League should be run for Unit Officers' teams was defeated.

An application by Major A. Rosenbloom for permission to enter a team in the "A" League consisting of two Indian Medical Service Officers and the remainder I.M.D. Personnel was granted.

A request by the Middlesex Regiment for permission to play all their 'Home Matches' on their hard courts at Shamshuipo was dealt with. It was decided that the League was a grass court competition, this could not be permitted, especially as there was a grass court conveniently situated at Chatham Road.

It was agreed that Royal Air Force should be invited to enter teams and competitors in all the tennis competitions and that Army should enter a team for the Colony "B", "C" and "D" Leagues for 1941.

The kind offer of the Royal Navy to permit Soldiers to play on their hard courts in the Dockyard and Causeway Bay was gratefully accepted.

The following points were also agreed upon: -that the League should start before the end of April; that in the event of inclement weather a definite decision would always be given by 1 p.m. as to whether the courts were playable or not.

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Athletics

IN the course of this week two Units are holding athletic meetings. Combined Small Units are holding their meeting at Chatham Road to-morrow to enable them to select their team for the Command Athletic Meeting, while Middlesex Regiment are holding their Sports at Shamshuipo over to-morrow and Thursday.

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Association Football

IN Second and Third Divisions of the Football League, the two top teams are still fighting it out for League honours.

The Second Division title, which rests between Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps, is still in the balance with the Engineers having one game in hand, being one point in the lead.

In Third Division Royal Air Force and Royal Signals, with the same number of points, will probably decide matters on the last game of the season. Both have played 20 matches, won 14 and drawn four, and have 32 points.

Signals, thus far, have had fewer goals scored against them than any team in any division of the League — 20 goals in 20 matches.

Royal Army Service Corps lost a good chance of establishing an even larger goal-scoring record when Kowloon gave them the points in their Second Division encounter; so far they have scored 105 goals and look like reaching the 120 mark before the end of the season.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY

Large Units Rugby League, Sookunpoo—Royal Engineers v Combined Small Units, 3.00 p.m.; Royal Artillery v Middlesex Regiment, 4.30 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

Hockey, Quadrangular Tournament—British Army v Indian Army, Shamshuipo, 4.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Athletics—Middlesex Regt Meeting, Shamshuipo, 2.30 p.m.; Combined Small Units Meeting, Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

Rugby—Club "A" v Royal Engineers, Club ground, 5.15 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snooker—Army League, 14th Round, Soldiers' Club, 6.00 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

Athletic Meeting—Middlesex Regt Shamshuipo, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Quadrangular Tournament Hockey: British Army v Royal Navy, King's Park, 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Hockey, Small Units Final—3rd Med Bty H.K.S.R.A. v 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., Sookunpoo.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Colony tennis championship programme.

OPEN SINGLES

W. J. Howard v H. D. Rumjahn (7)

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).

T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (4).

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui (5).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

H. Van Leeuwen (+ 2/6) v L. P. Ralph (scr.) (1).

A. T. Dow (+ 3/6) v M. A. Bierens de Haan (scr.) (6).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (+ 5/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knox (+ 1/6) (3).

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton championship programme:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO.

Men's Junior Doubles.

J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles

R. M. Lavalle v Peter Lo (7.45 p.m.).

T. S. Young v J. Tsang (8.30 p.m.).

Mixed Doubles

E. Gillespie and Miss Wong v H. E. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (9.15 p.m.).

ARMY CRICKET SEMI-FINAL

The semi-final of the Large Units Cricket Tournament between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery will be played at Sookunpoo to-morrow afternoon. The winners will meet the Combined Small Units in the final on Thursday, March 27, at Sookunpoo.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League match against Police on Saturday:

H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.

Sports Secretary

IT is notified for information that Lieut. J. D. Clague, 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., has taken over the duties of Area Secretary for Hockey from Capt. Hook, Royal Artillery.

Capt. R. E. Guest has taken over duties of Area Boxing Officer and 2/Lieut. E. C. Graham, Middlesex Regiment, has assumed the duties of Area Swimming Officer, with effect from March 1.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following are results of badminton championship matches played last night at King's College:

Men's Junior Doubles

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho, 17—15, 15—10.

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh, 15—6, 15—11.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano, 15—2, 15—5.

Mixed Doubles

Patrick Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro beat E. and Mrs. Zimmern, 15—0, 15—4.

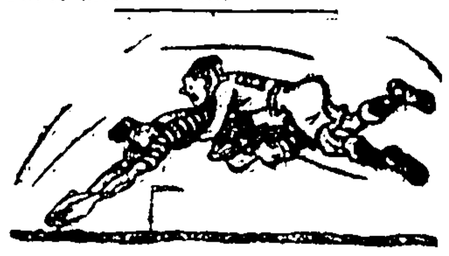
COMBINED SMALL UNITS SPORTS

Preliminary heats for the Combined Small Units Individual athletic meeting were held yesterday at the Chatham Road field.

The following are the successful contestants who will enter the finals to be held to-morrow afternoon:

100 yards.—Sgt. Manfield, R. A. F. Marth, R.A.S.C., Brown, Senior and Baggs.

200 yards: Manfield, Martin Tartt and Brown.



NAVY RUGBY TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following team has been chosen to represent Navy against Club "A" on Wednesday, on Club ground.

Wright, McGill, Paul, Watson and Bowden, Carter and Rutherford, Dancer, Eager, Flynn, Stockham, Kirk, Inglis, Watson and Palmer.

MACAULEY WINS SENIOR TITLE AT D.B.S. SPORTS

The Diocesan Boys' School annual sports were held yesterday. The senior championship was won by J. Macaulay, the middle by Tam Kok-ling and the junior by P. Mugford.

Results:

100 Yards (Senior):—1, H. Wong; 2, L. Jernakoff, J. Macaulay (dead heat). Time: 11 2/5. **Middle.**—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time: 12 2/5. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford; 2, Ng Luen-fuk; 3, Lee E-shan. Time: 13 mins.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, S. Hall. Height: 5 ft. 5 ins. **Middle.**—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, E. Guest. Height: 4 ft. 7 ins. **Junior.**—1, Chan Kwok-kin; 2, Ng Luen-fuk. Height 3 ft. 7½ ins.

Sack Race (Middle).—1, P. Yew; 2, B. Lim; 3, Tan Kok-ling. **Junior.**—1, Ng Luek-fuk; and Marley Kng Cheung (tie); 3, C. Wu.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, J. Jernakoff; 3, F. Lam. Time: 26. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan. Time: 32 2/5. **Middle.**—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time: 29.

Three-Legged Race (Middle).—1, E. Read—W. Newbern; 2, Fung King-chop—P. Yew; 3, B. Lim—J. Ramsey. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford—W. Lam; 2, Chan Kwok-kin—Lee E-shan and Lui Tse-chiu—Kwok Wai-chiu (tie).

440 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, G. Rosselet; 3, D. Truax. Time: 57. **Middle.**—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, Tang Kwing-yew. Time: 62½. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan. Time: 75.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, C. Whitfield; 3, Ma Hin-hong, J. Macaulay (tie). Distance: 17 ft. 5 ins. **Middle.**—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Distance: 15 ft. 9 ins. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan; 3, Chan Kwok-kin. Distance: 12 ft. 6 ins.

Obstacle Race (Senior).—Wong Kam-cheung; 2, N. Masters; 3, W. Macaulay. **Middle.**—1, P. Yew; 2, J. Ramsey; 3, Tan Kok-ling. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford; 2, Ng Luen-fuk; 3, Chan Kwok-kin.

Shot-Putt (Senior).—1, Wong Ching-tong; 2, S. Hall; 3, Ip Cheng-hing. Distance: 33 ft. 2 ins.

Tug-of-War.—1, Brown House; 2, Green House.

Club Relay.—1, Yellow; 2, Blue; 3, Green.

Pts. Gained by Club.—Yellow, 167; Blue, 163; Green, 80½; Brown, 62½.

The following events were decided last week:

Cross Country (Senior).—1, C. Truax; 2, D. Truax; 3, J. Macaulay. **Middle.**—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, W. Newbern; 3, B. Lim. **Junior.**—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan.

Mile (Senior).—1, C. Truax; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, D. Truax. Time: 5.20. **Middle.**—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time: 5.41.

880 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, C. Truax; 3, Hsu Yuanyo. Time: 2.21 2/5. **Middle.**—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time: 3 mins.

Throwing The Cricket Ball (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, S. Hall; 3, Hsu Yuanyo. Distance: 74 yds. 6 ins.

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SPORTS OF ALL SORTS FLOURISH IN HAWAII

HAWAIIANS DEVOTE more time to sports than any other people, writes a correspondent from Honolulu.

The result is stalwart men averaging six feet in height and keeping youthful vigor to an advanced age. You see 60-year-old Hawaiians with snow white hair and the smooth, supple skin of a man in his 30s. Get a load of Duke Kahanamoku. At 51, his speed in swimming 59 yards would surprise you.

Swimming come to Hawaiians as naturally as walking. They developed a distinctive stroke an adaptation of which is called the Australian. Kahanamoku, now sheriff of Hono'ulu county, employing the Hawaiian six-beat stroke, broke Olympic sprint records in 1912 . . became the world's greatest swimmer. After him came the Kealoha, Harris, Pung and Kahh brothers, Buster Crabbe and Johnny Wood.

Big Athletic Programme

Booming Honolulu now has tremendous athletic programmes, with 25,000 soldiers and 15,000 sailors carrying out schedules resembling those of major universities.

Football has been played in the islands since the Punahou school took it up in the '80s. The University of Hawaii team engages outfits from the States, as well as two island club teams. Honolulu has the Hawaii Senior League, an interscholastic League, an intermediate school and numerous other circuits. Other islands have their own loops.

Peculiar to Hawaii is barefoot football, not ranged games played by urchins, but a better than average game played without regulation uniforms.

Amateur Boxing Flourishes

Alexander Joy Cartwright, the baseball pioneer came to Honolulu in 1849, and lost no time in organising teams. The Hawaii League is now tops in Honolulu, with teams representing nationality groups. There are six leagues in the city composed of representatives of business houses, and a dozen other circuits. Sugar plantations encourage baseball.

There has been a championship soccer series in Honolulu every season since 1900 with the exception of the first World War years.

There is hardly any community of more than 100 families that does not have a tennis court.

The islands are one of the hottest beds of amateur boxing in the world. Professional boxing and wrestling are doing well.

Golf next to swimming and baseball, is enjoyed by more players than any other sport. There are 24 courses on the four largest islands, one on Lanai Island.

Yachting, polo and deep-sea fishing all have bands of enthusiasts. As for hunting, most of the big have become rare. Deer, boars and goats defy extermination.

Club At Waikiki To Be Reopened

Surfboard riding remains Hawaii's most picturesque sport. It is as distinctive to the islands as the hula, leis and poi . . . three-finger, two-finger or one-finger.

Yet the famous Outrigger Canoe Club, on the beach at Waikiki, has been out of existence for two years.

Now, thanks to Representative Walter James Macfarlane, a young man who does things in the land of liquid sunshine, the club will reopen at the same old stand, but in a delightful new clubhouse.

Macfarlane, nephew of Princess Abigail Kawananakoa, serving his fourth term in the Hawaiian House of Representatives, raised on a bond issue more than $90,000, which has been invested in the building and fixtures.

No other beaches in the world are as adaptable to surfboarding as those of the flowery archipelago. Only where the reef extends far out to sea is there the long, rolling wave surfriders can catch.

Kamaainas (old timers) and malihinis (newcomers) alike will welcome the comeback of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Waikiki wasn't the same without it, and the royal sport of surfriding should be preserved at the only beach where it can be enjoyed to the fullest.

SALE OF SIR ABE BAILEY'S STABLE

The late Sir Abe Bailey's horses 83 in all realised 42,677 guineas by auction at Newmarket recently.

The sale ordinarily would have ranked with that of Sir Edward Hulton's horse 15 years ago, when 288,380 guineas were obtained for 86 lots.

Only horse retained was Sir Abe's old favourite, Son-in-Law, founder of one of the most famous lines of stayers in the Stud Book. He is 29 years of age.

Top price was 5,200 guineas paid by Lord Glanely for the stallion Tiberius, who won the Ascot Gold Cup, the Goodwood Cup, Newmarket, St. Leger, and Liverpool St. Leger.

Mr. A. E. Allnutt paid 5,000 guineas for the two-year-old colt Sun Lore, by Hyperion out of Booklaw, and Mr. G. Hartigan 4,000 guineas for the four-year-old colt Fairstone, who finished third in the Two Thousand Guineas, and won the Newmarket Stakes, Greenham Stakes, and Jersey Stakes.

Lovely Rosa, who won the Oaks in 1936 and is in foal to Blue Peter, last year's Derby winner, was purchased for 2,500 guineas by Mr. Vic Smyth, the Epsom trainer.

"I have bought her as a speculation," said Mr. Smyth, "because I have every faith in the future."

Mr. Gerald Deane, a partner and senior auctioneer of Messrs. Tattersalls, said, "The sale has been an encouraging one, and beyond all expectations. It seems as though there has suddenly been a tremendous amount of confidence in the British position."

ON MAURICE FOSTER

Maurice Foster, of "Fostershire," sixth of the greatest of cricket brotherhoods of seven, is dead.

The seven brothers (H.K., W.L., R.E., B.S., G.N., M.K. and N.J.T.) had unique cricket honours by becoming the mother of an accomplished left-hander, J. W. Greenstock, who bowled well for Oxford.

The brothers always declared their sister to be as good a bat as any of them. "W. G." said the same of the Graces' mother.

You only had to watch Maurice Foster off-driving to at once say "Malvern"—even if you didn't know the name was Foster.

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YUGOSLAVIA REJECTS GERMAN PROPOSALS

Hitler's Plans Run Into Setback

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE ARE AUTHENTIC INDICATIONS THAT GERMAN PLANS HAVE MET SOME SETBACK IN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE FIRST CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN TO SLOW DOWN WHATEVER ACTION GERMANY MAY HAVE CONTEMPLATED AGAINST GREECE.

Germany's primary aim of securing the right of transit through the Vardar Valley, and the second alternative of securing Yugoslavia's benevolent non-belligerency by joining the Axis Pact, both seem to have been resolutely resisted.

Even a concentration of 60,000 Italian troops on the Dalmatian frontier has not made Belgrade more tractable.

IT IS NOT SURPRISING IF GERMANY IS NOT DISPOSED TO EMBARK UPON A MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE WITH NON-BELLIGERENT YUGOSLAVIA AS A POTENTIAL MENACE TO HER LONG LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

In face of the setback to the desperate Italian offensive in Albania, however, Hitler must act quickly if his help is to save Mussolini from as big a disaster in Albania as he met in Libya.

Vulnerable Position

The Italian armies must be in a very vulnerable position after their great losses and it is only to be expected that the Greeks and the R.A.F. will exploit the opportunities of the situation.

Meanwhile, Sir Ronald Campbell, British Minister in Belgrade, had a long interview with M. Tsvetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, yesterday, states a Belgrade despatch to the German news agency.—Reuter.

ITALIANS NEARLY EXHAUSTED

The Italians on the Albanian front are showing evident signs of exhaustion after the crushing of their big offensive last week, according to Athens radio last night.

Only artillery fire is reported from the central sector yesterday.

On Saturday the Italians launched two relatively small attacks which were easily repulsed, and a further attack on Sunday morning was also disposed of without difficulty.

IN THE MEANTIME, ADDED THE RADIO, THE ALLIED AIR FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE R.A.F., HAD ANOTHER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DAY ON SUNDAY.—REUTER.

IN THE CONFLICT NOW

"We are in the conflict now, irretrievably involved in it," is the comment of Mr. W. M. Hearst, the newspaper magnate, on President Roosevelt's speech in yesterday's New York "Journal American."

MR HEARST DESCRIBED THE SPEECH AS "GOOD," ADDING: "THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE WAR BY A MASTERLY SERIES OF GOOD SPEECHES.

"We must unite in standing by the Government we elected and the policy we determined upon.

"There is only one way out of our situation now and that is by victory."—Reuter.

HITLER TO BREAK OFF U.S. RELATIONS?

Hitler will soon sever relations with the United States, it is considered likely by Washington diplomatic observers, according to Mr. William Simms, well-known writer on the Scripps-Howard newspapers, says Reuter from New York.

G.B.E. FOR GEN. PAPAGOS

The Greek Commander-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Alexander Papagos, is to be made an Honorary Knight Grand Cross (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire, it was announced in London last night, says Reuter.

ARMED NAVAL AID BY U.S. PREDICTED

ACTIVE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT AMERICAN PLEDGES TO BRITAIN MENTIONED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY ARE:—

Firstly, the early release to Britain of a further considerable number of over-age destroyers, and

Secondly, the giving shortly of armed naval aid.

Legislative circles spoke privately but very definitely regarding destroyers, while the naval aid report was given by William Simms, chief writer on foreign affairs in the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

He asserts that armed aid, particularly naval aid, is foreseen as a virtual certainty following the President's speech on Saturday.

MR. SIMMS ADDS IT IS BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON THAT BRITAIN'S HANDS ARE TOO FULL EFFECTIVELY TO FIGHT OFF THE NEW SUBMARINE MENACE, AND A NEW KIND OF HELP FROM AMERICA MAY BECOME VITAL IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENTS THAT AMERICA WOULD NOT CEASE TO AID UNTIL "THE TYRANTS ARE TOTALLY DEFEATED."

Fully qualified observers, Mr. Simms adds, feel that the giving of over-age destroyers and mosquito-boats is only a temporary measure to be followed by intervention by the United States Navy and the transfer of merchant shipping. — Reuter.

"TIGER" RUMOUR

Spoor marks of a large animal and the discovery on Sunday of the carcass of a deer with part of its hind quarters torn off, gave rise to rumours of a "tiger" prowling on the hills on the Island.

The remains of the deer were found near the Tai Hang Squatters' Camp at Jardine's Look-out on Sunday.

Large animal spoor was imprinted in the earth around the carcass.

It is, however, believed that the "crime" belongs to a pack of wild dogs.

British Policy Of Self-help

A British Treasury statement on the sale of British holdings in the American Viscose Corporation says that 90 per cent. of a public issue to be made in the United States will go to the Treasury.

Shares now sold total 448,000 shares, which were held by Courtauld, Ltd. (the great British rayon concern).

Price to be paid to Courtauld's will be settled between the company and the Treasury or by arbitration.

This is the first fruits of the Peacock mission, which was to examine the possibility of making the best use of British investments in the United States.

The Treasury statement adds: "The sale of this valuable holding to American interests is evidence of the determination of the British Government to use every possible means of self-help at a time when they are receiving from the Government of the United States the measures of assistance set out in President Roosevelt's great speech on Saturday." — Reuter.

NEW THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA

Recapture Of Berbera Opens Up New Approach

Steadily Closing In From 13 Points

WITH THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, ANOTHER THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA IS DEVELOPING, THE BRITISH SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO STATED LAST EVENING, AND EMPIRE TROOPS ARE NOW STEADILY CLOSING ON THE HEART OF THE ITALIAN EMPIRE FROM 13 POINTS.

Recapture of Berbera, the spokesman added, is also expected very considerably to ease the supply problem.

It is recalled in Cairo that when the Italians entered Berbera in August, 1940, Rome radio proclaimed that the collapse of the British Empire was now inevitable. "The Red Sea has been closed to the Royal Navy," the announcer boasted.

It is not yet possible to say whether the British successes on the Keren front are a prelude to an offensive or form part of the steady fighting which has been going on for six weeks, but Reuter was told in Cairo yesterday: "Things are boiling up at Keren again."

With the recapture of Berbera the only port in British Somaliland has been wrested from the Italian grasp.

New Threat

It is regarded in London as specially significant, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns, that the operation should have been carried out by a joint naval and military force, as this means a new threat to the Italian bases at Harar and Diredawa.

Italy's only remaining channel to the sea from Abyssinia is the route via Asmara and Massawa, apart from the French-controlled line to Djibouti.

There is no possibility of reinforcements reaching the sorely-tried armies of the Duke of Aosta.

LATEST NEWS FROM KEREN SUGGESTS THAT BRITISH PRESSURE IS BEING INTENSIFIED AND VICTORY AT KEREN WILL LAY OPEN THE WHOLE OF ERITREA.

Armoured Cars

Once the last shreds of Italian resistance have been overpowered, the whole of the Imperial forces in North-East Africa will be available for employment where they can best be utilised.

Not only R.A.F. bombers and fighters but R.A.F. armoured cars went into action in active cooperation with the Army and Navy in the successful assault on Berbera.

The part of the R.A.F. is described in an additional communique issued from Middle East Headquarters, which says: "Enemy aerodromes were heavily raided throughout the previous night and during the day, a particularly heavy attack being made on Diredawa aerodrome, and R.A.F. armoured cars took part in the capture of the town."

The communique adds that there were no R.A.F. casualties.—Reuter.

FIGHT FOR JUSTICE & LIBERTY

By its President's speech, declared the Athens newspaper "Proiac" yesterday, the United States ranges itself not only from a material standpoint but above all from a moral standpoint alongside the nations fighting for justice, liberty and civilisation.

That constitutes a guarantee that these three things will finally conquer their enemies, the paper adds.

Other Athens papers all welcome President Roosevelt's speech, typical comment being that of the "Eleftheron Vima," which says:

"Greece will show herself worthy of the confidence the great American nation has shown in her, and after victory is won will show her gratitude to those who lent her ample and spontaneous assistance."—Reuter.

RECTOR LOSES HIS LIVING

The Rev. William Henry Hopkin has been deprived of the living of Blunham, Bedfordshire, of which he was rector, "with all its profits and benefits, and also of any other ecclesiastical promotion in the Diocese of St. Albans."

At a Consistory Court at Bedford the Rector faced 36 charges of committing immoral acts and being guilty of immoral conduct and habit and was adjudged guilty of 26.

Judgment was delivered by the Bishop of St. Albans, Dr. Furse, sitting at St. Albans Cathedral. Mr. Hopkin was not present.

The sentence must not be mistaken for what is sometimes called "unfrocking." Mr. Hopkins is not deposed from Holy Orders and will retain his status as a priest. He will be able to seek work as an assistant curate, or he might be given a living in another diocese if the Bishop and patron agreed.

The net annual value of the living of Blunham is £1,139 and house.

The Olivos and Hurlingham district of Buenos Aires has sent £5,000 for the purchase of aircraft.—British Wireless.

STRANGE INCIDENT

FOUR CABARET PATRONS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE ROBBED A YOUNG TAXI-DANCER, EMPLOYED AT THE PARAMOUNT BALLROOM, WINDSOR HOUSE, EARLY THIS MORNING.

The girl involved was 19-year-old Miss Kung Lung, of Shanghai, one of the most popular taxi-dancers in the new ballroom.

It is alleged that while being driven home shortly after midnight by four patrons, Miss Kung was relieved of her money and valuables in the Tai Hang District.

MATSUOKA ENTERS RUSSIA

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has arrived at the Russian frontier station of Otpor, states a message to the official German news agency. Mr Matsuoka is on the way to Berlin.—Reuter.

GERMANS RATTLED

German nervousness regarding Norwegian coastal shipping finds expression in a fresh decree limiting its freedom of movement and enacting penalties that may extend to death, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

A new order issued by the Reichs Commissar forbids coastal vessels to leave Norwegian ports without permission from the German authorities and decrees that no vessels shall depart from the route set out in the permit.

Fishing craft are forbidden to sail outside the limit of Norwegian coastal waters, which extend to a limit of 30 miles from the coast, while pleasure craft, sailing and other boats are forbidden to go more than three miles from the coast.—Reuter.

FRENCH DONATION FOR SPITFIRE

The Governor of the French Cameroons has put at the disposal of the British Consul-General at Duala two boxes of gold, amounting in value to £5,000, for the purchase of Spitfires.

Already one such gift has been made by public subscription and it is understood that yet another donation of a similar amount for the purchase of a third Spitfire is well on the way to completion.—British Wireless.

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This little evacuee in a Berkshire village is setting off in true Dick Whittington style to explore the byeways. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. CHURCHILL TRIBUTED AS "BOBBYDAZZLER"

"CHURCHILL IS — to use an Australian phrase — 'a bobbydazzler,' a real 'cracker-jack,' who thrives on combat."

This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in Manchester last night.

Mr. Menzies declared: "He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do their best under strain."

Terming President Roosevelt's all-out appeal for help for the Democracies "magnificent," Mr. Menzies said: "This American attitude proves that to be neutral you need not be entirely unintelligent, and holding no opinions on the war, as some neutrals have thought.

"It also shows you can still give tremendous assistance to a combatant country."

Mr. Menzies described Hitler as holding the views of Alice in Wonderland that "What I say three times is true," except that "Hitler says it 30 times and it is still untrue."—Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful yesterday, being favourably influenced by President Roosevelt's speech and the firmer Yugoslav attitude. Industrials met with a fair general enquiry, with Courtauld's a special feature, advancing 2/- to 29/- on the American Viscose sale. Gilt-edged turned dull but Indian stocks were firm, as were home rails and Kaffirs. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

TOWN'S OFFER TO LONDON GIRLS

For 10s. London's tired women workers will be able to spend a week's holiday in Worthing. Or they may enjoy a long week-end for 6s.

A special rest centre, the first of the kind in the South, is being opened for the benefit of London typists, telephone operators and other women workers in bombed areas.

Details of the new centre are being circulated by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, to every borough mayor in the capital, and if the plan proves successful it may be imitated elsewhere.

Capt. H. French the initiator of the scheme, said that a house had been lent and furnished and a number of Worthing women had volunteered to run it with the aid of a resident housekeeper. As 10s. per head a week would not meet the expense, supplementary money was to be raised.

NIZAM'S OFFER TO INDIA

In response to the Government of India's recent appeal to the Indian States to undertake to supply the whole or part of a R.I.A.S.C. company, the Nizam of Hyderabad's Government has offered to raise a full company, the entire cost to be borne by the Nizam's Government.—Reuter.

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Japan Shocked By Aid To China Pledge By Roosevelt

"REAL DANGER POINT" IN "GREAT PARADOX"

DECLARING THAT the inclusion of China among the Democracies entitled to aid under the Lease and Lend Act was the "great paradox" of President Roosevelt's address on Saturday, the "Japan Times and Advertiser" in Tokyo said last night that this formed "a real danger point which so greatly embarrassed the British Empire."

The newspaper, Japanese-managed and the only English-language daily in Tokyo, added: "Never, by any stretch of the imagination or desire could China under a Nationalist Government, first at Nanking and now at Chungking, be called a Democracy.

"It is not only an autocracy but a despotism and a tyrant over many.

"Furthermore, the China conflict has no relation whatever to the European war.

By adding General Chiang Kai-shek's cause to the cause of the Democracies, President Roosevelt recklessly adds to their burdens.

"In promising help to General Chiang, President Roosevelt knows that such help can reach the objectives only via the Straits of Malacca and Burma.

Japan's Case

"While Britain, through Australia, is searching for a basis for understanding in the Pacific, she must assist America to send war materials to Japan's war adversary, and is therefore promoting a warlike cause and essentially inviting retaliation

"As if the Democracies had not enough in Europe.

"If war supervenes in this ocean, Japan can make a convincing case, based on American provocation and intervention.

"The cautious Democracies might have thought that the case of General Chiang could be left in abeyance while more pressing matters were tackled."—Rueter.

LAST MAN TO PAINT ED. VII

Joseph Mordecai, the artist who painted the last portrait of King Edward VII, has died, aged 89.

In 1373 he was a double medallist at the Royal Academy, and he was still painting energetically after he was 80.

He claimed that one of his grandfathers lived to be 102 and then was killed by falling downstairs and breaking a leg. His other grandfather was 99 and his sister 97.

Had 40 Pictures Hung

It was in 1909 that he painted the last portrait of King Edward VII. It was his last picture to be hung in the Royal Academy, and afterwards it was hung in St. James's Palace.

The King had to be painted in his full Coronation robes, so the Crown and Sceptre had to be brought from the Tower of London each day and taken back at night.

Mr. Mordecai also painted King George V, the Duke of Windsor (both in military uniform), Lord Kitchener, and several past Lord Mayors of London.

About 40 of his pictures were hung in the Academy.

BANKING HOURS CORRECTION

It was erroneously stated yesterday that new bank hours for the transaction of public business would come into effect from to-day. It has been drawn to our attention that the new hours — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. — are for the transaction of exchange business. The hours for transaction of public business are as before — from 10—3.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

Negotiations in London between the Chinese and British authorities regarding the use of British credits to China are proceeding smoothly. An agreement is expected in the near future.—Central News.

CHALKING IT UP.—At an A.R.P. station on a cricket ground "somewhere in Kent" a cricket scoreboard is used to record the number of warnings per day. (Copyright, Fox).

BAN ON ACTOR'S U.S. VISIT

SIR HERBERT WILLIAMS, M.P., IS TO ASK MR. EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE REASONS FOR THE REFUSAL OF AN EXIT PERMIT TO WILFRID LAWSON, THE ACTOR.

Mr. Lawson, who won his wings in the last war, and until lately was a non-flying pilot officer in the R.A.F., is stated to have received an offer of 2,000 dollars (about £400) a week, to go to Hollywood and star in the film "How Green was my Valley." In applying for leave, he said he would live on his R.A.F. pay of 11s. a day and give all his film salary, about 16,000 dollars or £3,200, to the Treasury.

The Air Ministry refused him leave. He resigned his commission but was still refused an exit permit.

HEAVY ATTACKS BY R.A.F IN TRIPOLITANIA

FURTHER SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. raids were announced in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Heavy attacks were made on aerodromes at Castel Benito and Makina, in Tripolitania.

A direct hit was registered on an ammunition dump at Benito, aerodrome and fires were started on the other side.

BOMBS DROPPED AMONG DISPERSED AIRCRAFT AT MAKINA CAUSED A NUMBER OF FIRES WHICH DESTROYED AT LEAST FOUR AIRCRAFT WHILE OTHERS WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY BOMBS.

As the last bomber left, a violent explosion occurred among the dispersed aircraft.

Heavy Attacks

In Eritrea, very heavy attacks were made on enemy positions in and around Keren on Saturday and Sunday.

The R.A.F. also bombed and machine-gunned motor transport and troop concentrations, as well as a railway and road.—Reuter.

WOMEN DOCTORS FOR R.A.M.C.

A NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE BRITISH MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES IN INDIA WILL BE OPENED TO BRITISH WOMEN PRACTITIONERS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

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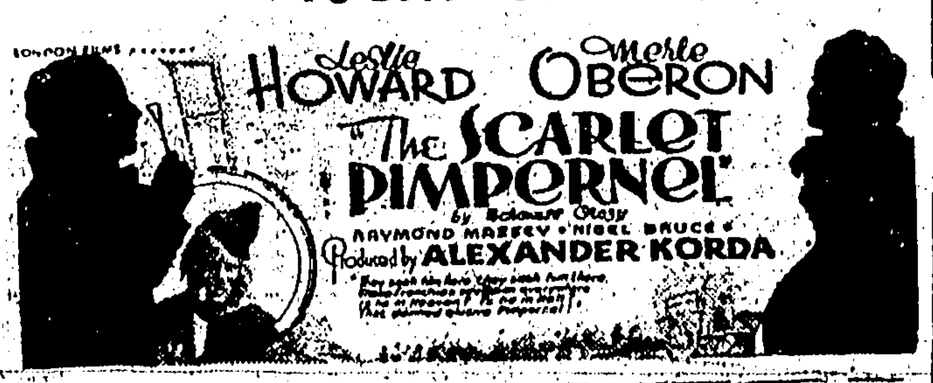

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QUISLING JUSTICE GETTING TO WORK IN OSLO

THE NEW PEOPLE'S COURT established by Quislings in Oslo has already begun work, state Norwegian circles in London, where details have been received of the procedure in the first case brought before it.

Sixteen Labour members of the Oslo Municipal Council, it is stated, were accused of having taken part in "demonstrations against the new order" and with "having acted in a counter-revolutionary manner."

The two judges ruled there was no case against accused since they had not been guilty of any overt act.

The judges were, however, overruled by the presiding magistrate and two lay magistrates, who were all supporters of the National Samling (Quisling Party), placed in their positions to ensure that there is always a majority for Nazi "justice."

Two of the accused were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, two more to 15 months and the remainder were bound over.

ALL WERE EXCLUDED FOR 10 YEARS FROM PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THUS AUTOMATICALLY DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

JOHNSON RELICS SAVED

Mrs. Rowell, the custodian of Dr. Johnson's house in Gough Square, which was damaged by fire in the big raid on the City described how the greater part of the Johnsonian relics escaped harm.

In the first week of the war, she said, she and her daughter removed the valuable prints, the paintings and the first editions, and stored them in waterproof wrapping in a large trunk in the basement.

Forced by the fire to leave her cottage, which is the lodge of the house, on the Sunday night, she returned at 5 o'clock the next morning and retrieved the trunk. It had begun to fill with water. It is now in a place of safety.

Although the four walls of the house are still standing, Mrs. Rowell said the interior and most of the historic furniture were badly burned.

"We hope the house can be rebuilt," she added. "One idea I have is to appeal to every American who has ever visited it to give a sum, however, small."

EXMOUTH SAILS FOR MARSEILLES

The American steamship Exmouth sailed from Jersey City yesterday for Marseilles loaded to the top-decks with an American Red Cross cargo of food, clothing, medicines and surgical supplies to the value of $1,250,000.

Three hundred tons of oatmeal and farina remained on the quayside as the British refused to allow it through the blockade. No passengers were on board.

Clearance granted by Britain and Germany for March 7 was delayed because Italy needed more time to notify her naval units.—Reuter.

INDIA SUPPLY APPEAL SUCCESS

Altogether 485 revolvers, 252 compasses and 479 binoculars have been received by the Indian Supply Department in response to an appeal issued by the Director-General of Supply, says Reuter from New Delhi.

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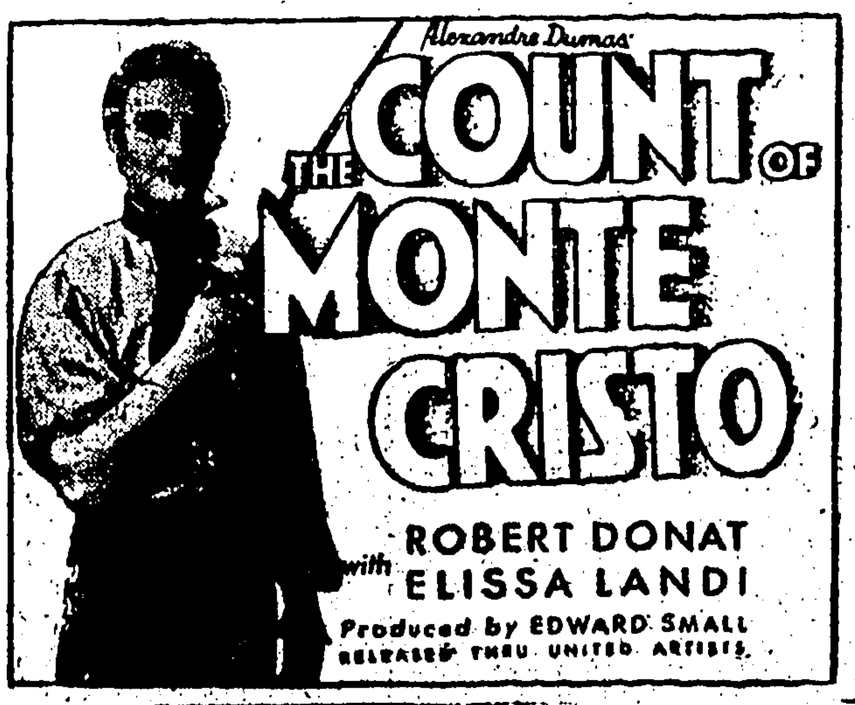

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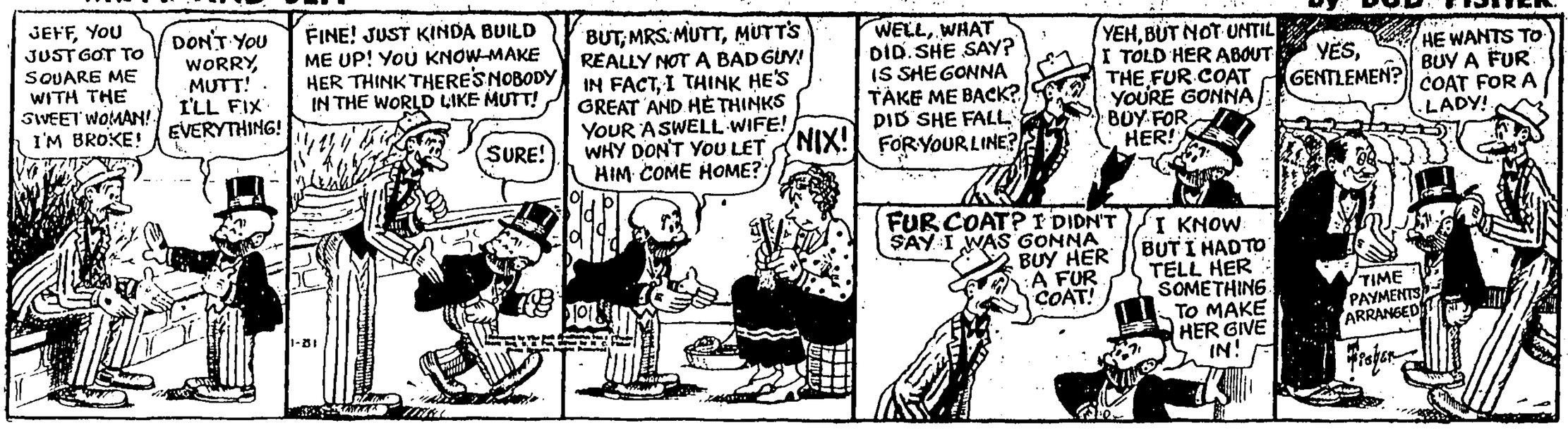


BURROWED 20 PEOPLE TO SAFETY

"THIS CHAP WAS a one-man rescue party. He should have the George Cross, at least. He must have saved the lives of at least twenty people."

That is what they are saying in a West town about Corporal T. Einboden, a Canadian with the R.A.F., for his heroism when a row of houses was demolished in a raid on this purely residential town.

Corporal Einboden is an instructor at a camp in the North. While on week-end leave he travelled to the West to see his fiancee, Doris Ford.

On the way he ran into the night blitz on Bristol, so he halted there and spent the night tackling incendiary bombs.

Next day he went on to meet his fiancee, who lives in another West town. He had not been in her home long when a new blitz began.

Squeezing seven members of the Ford family, his fiancee's friend, Iris Gundry, and himself into a small cavity under the stairs, he told them funny stories while bombs whistled overhead and tremendous explosions shook the house.

And then came a big bomb, unheralded by a whistle, and the whole row of houses collapsed.

The party was trapped in the tiny space, all pressed tightly together by the weight of debris.

Corporal Einboden wriggled free and tunnelled a narrow way through the rubble.

For nearly two hours he burrowed through the debris and eventually he wormed his way into the open.

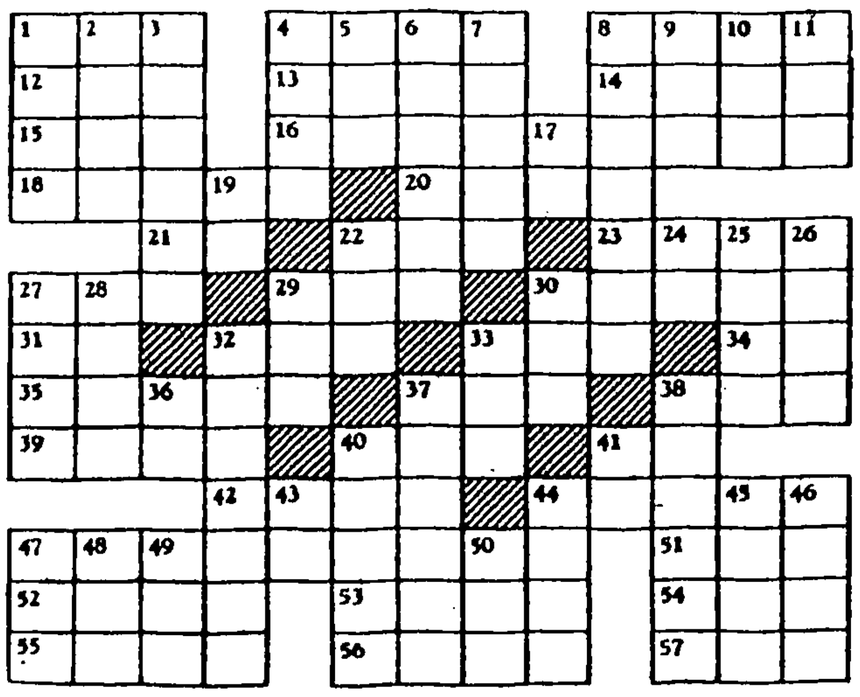
Then he crawled back, widening his little tunnel here and there, and passed the eight trapped members of the party out to the rescue men.

"Not one of the women even whimpered," he told a reporter.

Rescue party men said that when Einboden had seen his party safe he went back to the ruins and began looking for survivors from adjoining houses.

While the regular rescue parties were busy all round him, he continued to make his little tunnels throughout the night until, as dawn was breaking, he was on the verge of collapse and had to be taken from the scene.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



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1 Levantine sailing vessel
4 Venezuelan snake
8 Egyptian deity's crown
12 Norse goddess
13 Pertaining to grandparents
14 Proportion
15 Ancient tribal tax
16 Skilful maneuverer
18 Two-masted vessel
20 Meat dish
21 Exclamation
22 Music: three
23 Gaelic
27 To reimburse
29 Sodium chloride
30 Fisherman's basket
31 Land measure
32 To irritate
33 Plaything
34 Three-toed sloth
35 Pupil in a military school
37 In favour of
38 Bitter vetch
39 Black
40 Confederate general
41 Preposition
42 Story
44 Fat
47 Principal city of Palestine
51 Greek letter
52 Armadillo
53 Nothing more than
54 Tibetan gazelle
55 Ceremony
56 Isles off Ireland
57 Distant

VERTICAL
1 Part of body connecting the head with the trunk
2 Ireland
3 Foamy
4 Slat
5 Eggs
6 French tragedienne
7 Communion table
8 Art of shooting with the bow
9 Indo-Chinese language
10 Greek letter
11 Marsh
17 Exists
19 Symbol for calcium
22 Impost
24 Concerning
25 To burn
26 Ancient European country
27 Stride
28 Street urchin
29 To place
30 Centre
32 Undertaking
33 Digit
36 To act
37 Insect's antenna
38 Power
40 Beast of burden
41 Siberian river
43 While
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45 Go away!
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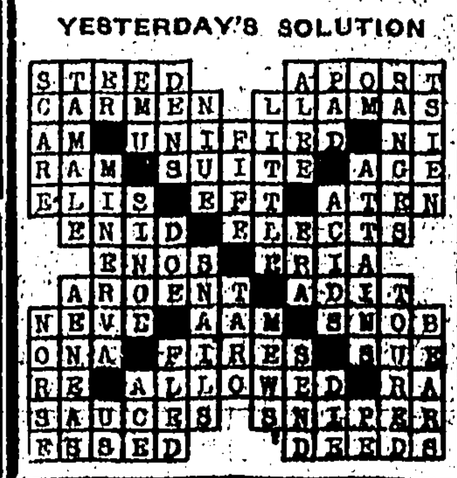
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BARGAINS MADE BY BOMB

Bombed-out Londoners were busy buying "bomb bargains" when the winter sales started.

Women stormed Oxford Street to replenish homes and wardrobes at cut prices with goods salvaged from shops which have also suffered in the blitz.

Selfridge's has a special service for the bombed-out. An expert advises worried customers who have lost their all and have only a little money to make a fresh start with furnishing and clothes.

If you have, say, £5 and nothing else in the world, you can tell this efficient adviser, who will do all your worrying for you.

Patchwork carpets, blankets or coats, seem to be the feature of this winter's raid bargains.

One housewife bought a carpet which had a large hole burnt right through the centre. She is going to patch it with a mat of contrasting colour.

Patch Frocks

Dress material, too, going cheap becaused it has been damaged, will see Miss 1941 dressed in bright gay patches.

Bargain hunters are more thoughtful than they were.

"They nearly all bring their shopping baskets with them, which helps to save paper," said one shopkeeper. "Of course, in the old days this wasn't considered good taste," and he smiled.

There was a bit of a scramble at stocking stalls, but there seemed to be plenty of stockings — even at 1s. 11¾d.

There was a big demand for make-up, too, and nail varnish. But it was the men who were buying nail varnish—for their shoes.

CAR STRUCK BOMB BARRIER

A motorist who collided with a barrier placed round a bomb crater unsuccessfully sued Poplar Borough Corporation at Bow County Court. Stanley Murrell Wright, Jedburgh Road, Plaistow, asked for £22 16s. 7d., the cost of repairs to his car.

His solicitor alleged that the protective barrier was left unattended and unlighted. Defending counsel, however, said that this was not admitted.

Giving judgment for the Corporation, Judge Willoughby Jardine, K.C., said that according to the Lighting Restrictions Order, lights round an obstruction were not obligatory.

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WHERE ENGLAND IS THERE IS VICTORY

MR. HUGH DALTON, Minister of Economic Warfare, speaking yesterday at a luncheon given by the First Artillery Detachment of the First Czechoslovak Brigade, said: "I remember President Benes saying to me in 1934, when Hitler's blood-stained hands had held power for a year, that "if war should come I know that where England is there is victory."

"I recalled those words with a sense of shame in September, 1938. I recall them now with a thrill of pride.

"I have seen to-day some of the Czechoslovak troops, sturdy and resolute, who will play their part in winning the war and liberating their countrymen from the bestial German tyranny which to-day holds them in its grip.

"After you regained freedom in 1918 you tasted 20 years of freedom and achieved great things in many fields. You set a civilised example which our German enemies of to-day might well have followed.

"Your freedom and your right to live your own national life shall be restored to you in the new Europe of to-morrow.

"But in that new Europe, as the bitter history of many generations shows, no state can safely stand alone, least of all if it has the Germans for neighbours

Federal Structure

"I wish therefore to congratulate most warmly President Benes and General Ankornki on the intimate collaboration of the Czechoslovak and Polish Governments. A close Polish-Czechoslovak union would not only have great value in itself but might become the nucleus of a much wider federal structure in central Europe." —British Wireless.

EX-M.P. OF 73 KILLED

While standing against an electrically-driven winch in Sunderland, Sir Luke Thompson, a former M.P., who was 73, was drawn into the machinery and was killed instantly.

The accident occurred in a yard of his company, John Thompson and Sons, coal merchants. The winch had attached to it a wire cable used for hauling coal wagons, and Sir Luke's coat was caught.

Sir Luke represented Sunderland as a Conservative from 1922 to 1929 and from 1931 until his retirement in 1935.

Knighted in 1934, he was chairman of the Sunderland Conservative Association and had been chairman of the northern group of National M. P.s in which capacity he pressed on the Government the claims of the Special Areas of the North-East.

A few years ago Sir Luke and Lady Thompson narrowly escaped death when their car rolled down an embankment.

CLAIMANTS DON'T KNOW THEIR ONIONS

Seventy applications have been received from all over the country for a 14lb. bag of onions which could not be delivered because the address label had become detached, states a General Post Office announcement, quoted in the Ministry of Information bulletin.

The bag of precious vegetables is in the returned letter section at Mount Pleasant sorting office.

The office where the onions were originally handed in has been discovered to be in Buckinghamshire, and this has made it easy to eliminate the majority of the claimants from places 100 miles distant.

Within the next few days it is hoped that a woman in a Surrey village will receive a welcome call from the postman when she is handed her delayed present.

FIJIANS FOR R.A.F.

TWENTY-THREE YOUNG MEN FROM FIJI, INCLUDING THE SON OF A LEADING CHIEF, HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR TRAINING WITH THE R.A.F. THEY WILL SOON PROCEED TO R.A.F. STATIONS OVERSEAS.

After the Fijians had obtained permission last year to raise and equip a token force of 100 men for service overseas it was decided they could better be used if they remained with the Fiji Forces for defence of the island. The partial reversal of this decision has caused great satisfaction to the Colony's young men who will soon be taking part in R.A.F. exploits. —British Wireless.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

The court-martial in which Pte. David Fleming, of the Royal Scots, was charged with being drunk and with disorderly conduct during a first division league football match was concluded this morning after a speech by "Prisoner's Friend."

The court quickly returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The court-martial was held at Murray Barracks, with a court composed of Major J. M. Browning, Rajputana Rifles, Captain A. O. G. Mills, R.A., and Lieut. Willoughby, Middlesex Regiment.

Captain H. C. Harland, Royal Scots, was prosecuting officer, while Lieut. C. R. Jones, Royal Scots, defended.

TOKYO PARLEYS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Four Indo-China Government representatives will leave Hanoi by air on Wednesday for Tokyo to participate in the new discussions concerning a formal Thailand-Indo-China Agreement. — International News Service.

SORRY PLIGHT OF ITALIANS

The Belgrade correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," in a message tells of the pitiable condition of wounded Italian soldiers who have returned from the Albanian front to their homes in Northern Italy.

Quoting well-informed people who have returned from Italy, he says:

"The plight of the troops bears witness to the still disorganised state of the counter-offensive intended to check the Greeks.

"An extremely large proportion of the casualties have lost limbs. Many of these men saw no fighting whatever, but were so severely frozen in the bitter mountain weather that it was necessary to amputate their limbs.

"It is presumed that Italian hospitals in Bari and Brindisi must be filled to overflowing, because many of the wounded are arriving in the Northern Adriatic ports bearded and dirty and without having changed their uniforms since they left Albania.

"Relatives of the wounded were sharp in their criticism when they found that in many cases bandages had not been changed since the wounded men left the front-line.

"One seriously wounded officer had been carried for three days on mule back through mountains and then spent a day crossing the Adriatic and two days travelling up the coast by railroad without medical treatment or change of uniform.

"Until the arrival of these wounded, the extent of the Italian setback was little known in Northern Adriatic cities."

TWO SISTERS DIE TOGETHER

THE MYSTERY OF THE DEATH OF TWO ELDERLY SISTERS, THE MISSES MARY AND ANN CORBY, AGED 72 AND 60, AT THEIR HOME IN HITHER GREEN-LANE LEWISHAM, IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY SCOTLAND YARD.

When their home was entered they were found dead in the dining-room. One was lying on the floor in front of the fireplace, and the other on a settee. They were fully dressed. A preliminary examination showed no signs of violence.

The sisters had not been seen for several days. They owned property in the district.

CAPRONI BOMBER OVER NAIROBI —IN OUR HANDS

THE ONLY Italian bomber to fly over Nairobi, states the Air Ministry news service, did so the other day piloted by a South African Air Force pilot.

As the aircraft, a Caproni 133, circled over the town, the Italian marking, a white cross on the tail, was easily discernible but no air raid warning was sounded, for on the fuselage and wings were roundels bearing the colours of the S.A.A.F.

The Caproni, a three-engined monoplane, had been flown 650 miles from Mogadiscio, where it was left by the Italians in the process of overhaul when they made a hurried departure.

"The engines," said one of the crew, "had apparently just been put back as they were loosely bolted down. Other parts, which had been taken off the aircraft for inspection, were found near at hand.

It was clear the Italians had downed tools suddenly and fled. We walked in and completed the overhaul."

A mechanic with ten year's experience described the Capronis' superstructure as primitive. He added that although the general performance of the aircraft was not good it was particularly steady in the air.

The Caproni was flown to Nairobi by a lieut-colonel of the S.A.A.F. who was awarded the D.F.C. some months ago. — British Wireless.

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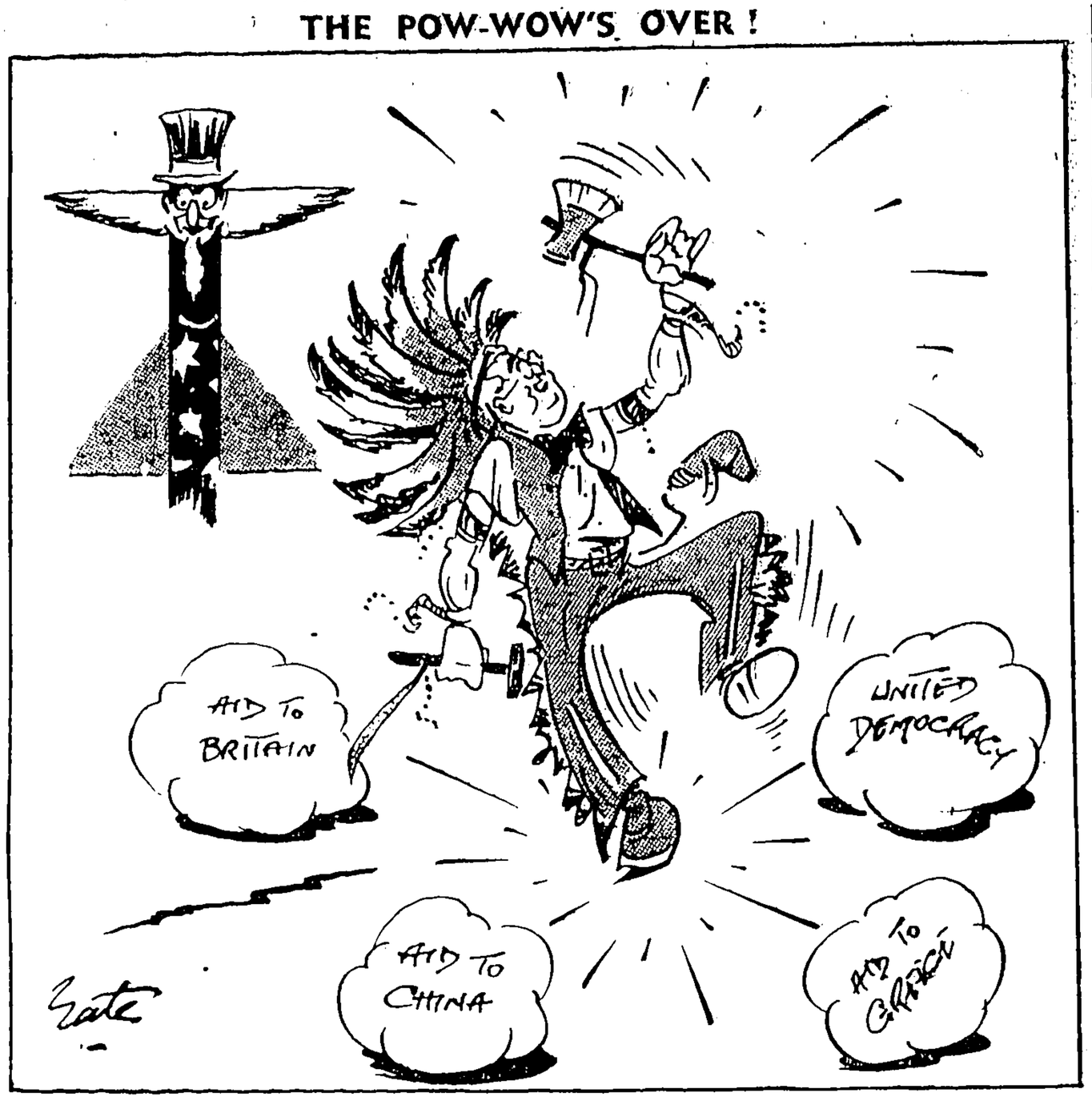
MUSSOLINI'S RASH ADVENTURE

It looks as though it may be the supreme irony for Mussolini to have directed personally the military operation which turned into the debacle which promises to seal Italy's vassaldom to Herr Hitler. Fifty thousand casualties were suffered in the furious seven-day offensive on the short Tepelini front; fifty thousand men sacrificed to Il Duce's personal prestige; 15,000 dead that Mussolini might turn to Hitler and reclaim full partnership status. It is in the true order of things, according to Nemesis, that the gigantic effort should have failed ignominously, and that because his power of inspiration was committed, Il Duce's state is worse than his first. The prospect for Italy now is the most unhappy one, for more than ever the Italian people are thrust back upon the gratitude of Hitler. And how much that gratitude is worth they can learn from the fate of Fritz Thyssen and scores of others without whom Hitler's rise would not have been possible.

Mussolini, meantime, proceeds towards a fate marked out for him by a study of great historical figures of the past obsessed by similar ambitions. How hard it is for a man to escape from his past! Il Duce illustrates again the difficulty of acting upon the Greek maxim "Acquire a competence and then practise virtue." Mussolini had acquired a competence and he seemed to be in an excellent position for practising virtue. He had achieved a great success; his rule was established; if he had gradually relaxed his grip and continued a policy of material development he might have gone down in history, in spite of his crimes against liberty, as a man with some constructive ideas to his credit. But the instincts that had guided him in his unscrupulous career were too strong: the flattery in which he basked was too disturbing to his balance; not content with his triumph, he dreamt of resounding glory as a conqueror. In consequence, whereas at one time he held the balance in Europe, he has no hope of survival to-day except as Hitler's puppet.

THE POW-WOW'S OVER !



Communal Life

By H. N. Brailsford

War has this compensation: that it smashes individualist traditions and compels men to realise that they form a community. A most promising development has been the growth of communal meals.

The Ministry of Food is not hampered by a venerable past: a jungle of red-tape requires several decades to reach maturity. Under Lord Woolton, with only a handful of civil servants on the staff, it has shown both enterprise and fresh thinking.

The gigantic task of controlling the import, storage and distribution of food for the whole population might well have occupied all its energies. But since the aerial Blitzkrieg grew serious, it has had to concern itself with the provision of communal cooked meals.

Mr. Bevin saw the need for maintaining the health and cheerfulness of the munition workers, toiling in peril and under excessive strain. The children and mothers evacuated to the country from dangerous areas had to be cared for.

In Coventry and other stricken towns where the housewife was for a time without water, electricity or gas, even when her house was undamaged, neighbouring cities and the Army rushed to the spot with their mobile kitchens and canteens. Finally, all over the country, certain categories of wage-earners together with the old-age pensioners presented the most difficult problem of all. While the cost of living has risen steeply, their incomes have stood still.

The Ministry has followed the usual English technique. It has not attempted to create a centralised machine, but it required and stimulated and helped the local authorities to act.

Every factory with a staff of 200 employees is now required to provide a canteen for its workers. Some supply hot meals at a low charge (10d. or 1s.) in cheerful surroundings: others do the minimum and sell only sandwiches and cakes with tea or hot soup.

Where they notoriously fail, the local authority steps in.

Happily the local authority usually had a nucleus which it could expand. Thanks to the provision of cheap meals to children in elementary schools, a staff of capable and enthusiastic teachers of domestic economy was available to direct the many willing volunteers, and behind them was an adequate experience of buying food in bulk. To extend this system to children in secondary schools and to the evacuees was fairly easy. The really exciting adventure began only a few weeks ago, with the opening all over the country in the poorer districts of municipal restaurants for the workers. The Ministry offered the necessary equipment free, and some of it has been manufactured by mass production to its orders. These meals are open to all.

"What," the reader may ask, "does private enterprise say, when a municipality offers at 6d. a better meal than it would sell at 1s. 3d. or 1s. 6d.?" So far the answer is easy. These public restaurants have as yet been opened only in districts so poor that they would not tempt a profiteering concern.

"But," said I to one of the men who inspired this scheme, "when people throughout the city realise what you are doing, will they not flock to your communal meals?" "I hope so," said he. "And won't you have to expand?" Again he hoped so.

"And must not a system so beneficent become permanent?" Once more he had hopes.

I chose the shattered riverside area of East London for a visit of exploration. Many streets, oddly enough the main thoroughfares, are nearly normal and thronged with traffic. Behind them may lie a stretch of several acres where nothing remains but tangled ruins. Around such areas stretch mean little streets of two-storeyed buildings, whose walls look intact, but on a closer view the windows gape open and some of the woodwork is charred.

Amid this devastation I first visited an elementary school—the laboratory of the whole rapidly expanding system. The kitchen was spacious and spotlessly clean and the women in it worked quietly and with method. A happy buzz of talk came from the classrooms where the children were at dinner. They drank from pleasantly coloured mugs which, like the gaily coloured table-cloths had been specially designed and manufactured for these schools. The food was wholesome and well cooked and an ample meal cost the incredible sum of 3d. Any child could ask for a second portion and more than half of them did so.

In another school over two hundred adults dined daily and in a third over five hundred. The usual landscape with its many varieties of devastation, some brutal and some fantastic, lay around them. One of these schools had been struck in the terrific raids of that memorable first week-end of September. Every window was shattered and when Miss Anderson, the manager of the whole enterprise, a woman who evidently knows how to organise and also how to win the devotion of all who serve under her, visited it at 6 a.m., it had neither gas, water nor electricity. The engineers wrought miracles under the stimulus of her determination and by noon the first cooked dinners were ready as usual.

A long line of men and women, with the men predominating, were buying their tickets as I entered. It was a cold raw day and many looked tired and a few were dirty. Where in this devastation can they wash? Most of them sleep in shelters, some of them on the bunks which Mr. Morrison has provided, but some still on the ground. I could sense in my own body their feeling of ease and relief as they entered the warm and friendly room and surveyed what they might choose for 6d. You can buy for this sum one of three dishes of meat and vegetables and one of three sweets. The quantity was generous; the quality all one could ask, and once more the kitchen was a model of cleanliness and order. Best of all there was an atmosphere of kindliness and respect. Free citizens were helping one another to live while all, men and women together, faced the common danger. The usual cheap restaurant run for profit is incomparably less pleasant and less efficient, and its staff is sweated to the bone.

The economics of this new municipal venture belong to the improvisations of wartime. The charge of 6d. covers the cost of the food bought in bulk. The Borough gives free the building, the electric current and the services of the staff, but even if a charge were made hereafter for these overheads, a fantastically cheap meal could still be provided at 8d.

Many of the social gains of the last war, the admirable controls of foods and raw materials for example, were lost when the profiteers assailed them, because they had worked invisibly and the average man never knew what he gained. But his senses tell him all he need know about socialised meals. As I journeyed home through a city still, after months of battering, mainly intact, I wondered will any poet ever adequately sing the devotion of its common people—the boys who defend its liberty in the air, the women who know what community means, and the stoical endurance of these dockers who work all day in peril and sleep in squalor under arches?

A New Era

Three points stand out to-day in the war position. One is President Roosevelt's "lease or lend" bill. Another is the beginning of a British and Allied air offensive in Europe by daylight. The third is the declaration by General Smuts, Prime Minister of the South African Union, that the enemy must be cleared out of Africa and that South Africa has dedicated herself to this task.

President Roosevelt's bill strikes British observers as epoch-making in the true sense of the term. It may prove to have inaugurated a new era in the political, economic and, above all, financial relations between freedom-loving democratic peoples. It seems to foreshadow cooperation and interdependence among nations which cherish similar political ideals, and a pooling of their resources for a common purpose. The Nazi

By Wickham Steed

and Fascist systems have aimed at economic and financial self-sufficiency, or "autarky," for the purpose of waging aggressive predatory war. The "leave or lend" principle accepts cooperation among democratic countries for resistance to aggression in the first instance and, perhaps, for the work of constructive peace in the second. This is what gives it an epoch-making character.

To its night-bombing operations the Royal Air Force has now added heavy daylight raids upon enemy aerodromes and other military targets. These daylight raids are a new feature in the war position. They amount to a determined offensive against the enemy. Since Hitler's mighty air offensives against England were smashed last summer and autumn by British Hurricanes and Spitfires there had been no large operations by daylight in Western Europe. Mr. Winston Churchill predicted some months ago that in 1941 we should gain mastery in the air. Many people now ask whether these daylight raids indicate that the Commanders of the British and Allied Air Force feel they have already begun to attain mastery in the air.

Whether or not this conclusion is warranted, I think the daylight offensive means that our numerical strength in aircraft and pilots is now great enough to allow us to run to risks that are more serious in air fighting by day than they are by night. In the past we have held our own against a numerically stronger enemy by the superior quality of our machines and the superior skill of their crews. Mr. Churchill's phrase: "Never in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few" will stand as a merited tribute to our comparatively small Air Force last year. But because our first-line machines and high-skilled pilots were then comparatively few, the strain upon them was severe. It would have been wrong to risk them in daylight offensives while they were still comparatively few. The fact that they are now being risked in daylight offensives seems to suggest that they are no longer few but are becoming many.

It must be remembered that the Royal Air Force though British is not only British. In it Polish, Czechoslovak, Free French, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian airmen play their part besides Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians and volunteer airmen from the United States. It is widely looked upon as the nucleus of the international air force of the future that will help to keep the peace when Nazi and Fascist aggression has been crushed. Like President Roosevelt's "lease or lend" bill it is truly epoch-making.

Epoch-making, too, is General Smuts' vision of the future of Africa. This African continent of ours, he said, must be rendered safe for the young democratic communities of the future which are setting up house within it.

South Africans are helping to restore the Emperor Haile Selassie to his native land. Australians broke through the Italian defences in Cyrenaica. No British Government could have commanded them or the Canadians or the New Zealanders to fight in our cause. They came of their own free will. They will expect, and will have, a voice in the making of a democratic peace from which the very possibility of aggressive war will be removed.

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JERVIS BAY EPIC TOLD IN LONDON COURT

THE EPIC STORY of the Jervis Bay, and the ships she saved in convoy when it was attacked by a German raider, was retold recently in a British Court when a salvage action was brought by members of the crew of a tanker, the San Demetrio. These men told how they were forced to abandon their ship when it was shelled, and later returned to it, bringing it safely to port. The seamen were awarded various sums for their services in an uncontested case.

His Lordship awarded the plaintiffs sums totalling £14,700 in the action in which Mr. Arthur Godfrey Hawkins, aged 26, the second officer of the defendants' motor-vessel San Demetrio, 14 other members of her crew, and the personal representatives of John Boyle, a greaser, claimed salvage remuneration for services rendered to the San Demetrio, her cargo and freight after the vessel had been attacked on the afternoon of November 5, 1940, by the armed raider which sank the escorting auxiliary cruiser Jervis Bay.

The San Demetrio, a tanker of 8,073 gross tons, laden with a full cargo of petrol, was damaged severely, and, as it was highly dangerous for the crew to remain on board, the captain gave the order to abandon ship. The convoy, of which the San Demetrio was one, had previously been ordered to scatter.

Her complement left her in three boats, one of which was commanded by the plaintiff, Mr. Hawkins, and was manned by the other plaintiffs. The boats rapidly dropped astern of the ship, which a few minutes later was seen to burst into flames.

The weather steadily deteriorated, and by dawn on November 6 there was a strong gale and high seas. The boats lost touch and nothing further was seen by the plaintiffs of the other two boats. During the whole of that day the plaintiffs' boat was kept head on to the great seas. In the early hours of the afternoon the tanker was sighted again. She was still on fire and surrounded by petrol floating on the water.

Better Weather

At dawn on November 7 the weather had moderated. At noon the plaintiffs boarded the ship with considerable difficulty. There was a fierce fire still burning aft and the ship was glowing hot amidships. The bridge and all its surrounding structure were destroyed; compasses, steering-gear, charts, and wireless had all gone; and the only alternative method of steering, the steering-gear aft, was partially destroyed and only four spokes of the wheel were left.

Throughout the night of November 7-8 the plaintiffs fought the fires and succeeded in extinguishing them in the early forenoon of November 8.

A temporary steering platform was constructed, and in the afternoon the main engines were put in operation. A speed of about nine knots was maintained.

On November 14 a British warship arrived, put a party of officers and ratings on board, and rendered great assistance. Escorted by the warship, the San Demetrio then set a course for the Clyde, where she arrived on the night of November 16 with 10,000 tons of cargo still remaining in her.

"The value of the San Demetrio in her damaged condition, together with the cargo and freight, was £300,000.

"Great Story Of The Sea"

Mr. Miller said that it was a great story of the sea. Nothing perhaps was more unpleasant than the North Atlantic in a small boat in winter time, but in his submission that was safer than boarding a petrol-laden vessel seriously on fire with no knowledge of her condition. If the fire had reached the tanks that would have been the end of her. The plaintiffs without charts or compasses proceeded with her hundreds of miles, made a correct landfall, and brought the ship and her valuable cargo into safety. Never in the Admiralty Court had a more meritorious service been brought to its notice, and it was deserving of the highest possible award.

Mr. Hayward, for the defendants, said that in most salvage cases there were contentions and opposition. In this case his task was far happier. He was there to support to the full those tributes to the conduct of the claimants which had been made by the managing director of the firm which he (counsel) represented, and not to quarrel in any way with the evidence which had been given by the claimants.

Mr. Hawkins was a worthy successor of his great Elizabethan namesake.

Mr. Justice Langton, in giving judgment, said that he was glad that it was not his duty to attempt to do justice in words to the value o. the service; he would feel his powers unequal to it. He had only the lesser, but not by any means simple, duty of measuring the just reward as between the salvors and the owners of the salved property. That task had been simplified by the attitude of the owners, who were grateful to the claimants and full of admiration of their exploit. They had assisted in every way in putting forward the case, and had taken the unprecedented step of guaranteeing the claimants' costs in the action—a gesture which reflected credit on them, and was in accordance with the best traditions of the ship-owning community. It was a great English story of the sea.

With magnificent courage the Jervis Bay turned towards the German raider, giving the ships of the convoy a chance to escape. The San Demetrio with a full cargo of petrol, however, was an easy prey. She was repeatedly hit, and her master properly gave the order to abandon ship. When the plaintiffs reboarded her, in mid-Atlantic, with only one dinghy left on board, and in bad weather, with two of the boats' crew seriously injured, the condition of the ship was pitiable in the extreme. The fires were put out, and innumerable holes plugged with the help of men, many of whom ought to have been in the sick bay.

Splendid Story

"I do not think," said his Lordship, "that I am using language of exaggeration if I say that when the splendid story of the Jervis Bay comes to be written in full the tale of courage, resource, and skill with which the salving of the San Demetrio was accomplished will afford a fitting and not unworthy sequel to what Mr. Miller has happily called one of the great English stories of the sea."

His Lordship referred to a report drawn up by the managing director of the company owning the ship which, he remarked, was not intended to receive any publicity. One passage dealt with the stoical courage of John Boyle, another with the part played by Ross Preston, an American who joined the crew as a Nova Scotian because he wanted to reach Britain to join one of the fighting forces. He was simply magnificent, the report said, and it added: "No finer tribute can be paid to this man than the unanimous request made by all on board that the Red Ensign which the vessel was flying all through the action until she arrived in port should be presented to their American shipmate."

Two Days Of Agony

He said that speaking of John Boyle the greaser, who, during two days of agony in the boat never complained, and then carried on work in the engine-room until too weak even to sit on a box in the stokehole, when he was moved to one of the few rooms not gutted and found dead in the morning, the report stated: "In this unspectacular manner passed a hero."

The total award, said his Lordship, would be £14,700, of which he awarded £2,000 to Mr. Hawkins, £2,000 to Mr. Pollard the chief engineer, and sums ranging from £1,400 to £100 to the other plaintiffs. To the personal representatives of John Boyle he awarded £1,000.

He could not quit the case without thanking everybody concerned for one of the happiest working days of his life spent in listening to a very modest recital by two gallant gentlemen concerning a memorable achievement.

INTERNED BRITONS' DASH FOR FREEDOM

It is officially stated in Dublin that four British military internees escaped. They had all been apprehended and returned to their place of internment.

No details were given, but it is learned that the men were members of the R.A.F. A night and day search was made before they were recaptured.

DISOBEYED BUT WON THE M.M.

Gunner Who Hit 'Plane

Gunner A. E. Bennett, of an A.A. battery, R.A., whose home is at The Thorns, Kelvedon Common, near Chelmsford, Essex, has been awarded the Military Medal—as a result of disobeying regulations.

He and another gunner were left in charge of an A.A. gun. Regulations forbid the firing of a gun without orders from a superior officer, but when an enemy aircraft suddenly appeared within easy range the temptation was too great.

Remarking to his comrade, "I can't let a chance like this go by," Gunner Bennett fired and the raider came crashing to earth.

An officer came quickly to inquire who had ordered the gun to be fired. Bennett replied, "No one, sir, but it was such a chance to bag him I simply had to fire."

A court of inquiry was held to consider what action should be taken for the non-compliance with an order. The facts were laid before the General Officer Commanding and his decision was: "No punishment. Gunner Bennett to be awarded the Military Medal."

DUNKIRK REVELATION

SUICIDE SQUAD OF 9 GALLANT BRITISH PILOTS

NINE OLD PLANES lumbered heavily across the field and waddled off into the early morning mists the day that the retirement from Dunkirk started, writes an America Pilot, who was in England at the time, to the "Oregonian." We stood along the edge of the field. No one said a word as the drone of the ships' engines faded in the east.

No one said a word. We couldn't. We knew that the nine smiling youngsters who lounged behind the joysticks in those old crates were never coming back. They had known it, too. But they had smiled as they moved up from the line to take their turns in the take-off.

And they didn't come back. But 300,000 other young men came back from Dunkirk in their places. I'll never forget that morning.

The story of those nine youngsters and their nine old crates has never been told before now. Their story will go down with history's other stories of valour and heroism.

If it hadn't been for them, Dunkirk might have been a far greater tragedy. Instead, somewhere between 250,000 and 350,000 English and French soldiers came back. I don't know the exact number of those that escaped. I doubt that anyone does, for they came across the channel by ones, by twos, by hundreds, and they came in everything from rowboats to automobile ferries. Navy men have said it was the strangest flotilla in the history of war, and so it was.

Call For Volunteers

Towards the end of May the brass hats put out a call for volunteer pilots. Similar calls had been put out before for particularly dangerous missions, but this one was different. It was understood that the ones picked wouldn't come back. Nothing was actually said, but everyone knew.

Some 1,350 men knew of the call. And 1,300 volunteered. Thirteen were picked by lot, but it wasn't until the chatter of their engines had faded in the morning mist that any of us knew precisely where they were going on this suicide mission.

As the orders would have it, their objective was to destroy a German gasoline dump at Calais. It sounds simple, but it wasn't. The Germans are very conserving with their precious gasoline — gasoline that supplies their fighters, their bombers, their tanks and panzer divisions. Rather than maintain bases and gasoline dumps far behind the lines, they moved them up as the infantry consolidated occupied territory. They moved the gasoline from storage tank to storage tank through big rubber hoses that could be laid down and rolled up in the matter of hours.

Thus shortly after they had taken Calais, they were running gas into nine big oil tanks that weren't far from the Calais aerodrome. The gasoline supplied the tanks, 'planes and the fleet of fast motorboats that had been built up to harry Channel shipping. The tanks were ringed with anti-aircraft guns, and a constant guard maintained.

Certain Death

The English, of course, were not long in finding out about that dump. Its military importance to The German was obvious. But scout bombers that happened anywhere near the area had undergone intense anti-aircraft fire, and had to face whole squadrons of fighting 'planes.

And so it was that those nine young men were picked and sent off on a mission that was certain suicide.

We watched them load those planes. Each one had been stripped of everything but the most necessary instruments. But they had more than enough bombs for even an intensive bombing flight. It seemed to us as we watched that they were rolling bombs out to those ships for hours.

Hundreds of pounds of high explosives went under each wing and as sort of a crowning touch a pair of aerial torpedoes were strapped on.

And then the motors were turned over. The nine young fliers walked over to their ships. They smiled a tight little smile, waved and were gone in the morning mists.

From that moment on the good Lord alone knows precisely what happened; exactly what went on in the minds of those men. But we knew what they were supposed to do and what they must have done for their objective was accomplished. The nine ships flying close together climbed up and up as they crossed the Channel until they were far above the ack-acks. Then they came down, straight down, over Calais, and each of the nine 'planes dove full tilt into one of the nine tanks before the Germans had time to realise that British 'planes were near. At the moment of contact 'planes, men and tanks must have washed into nothingness in one terrific burst.

Great Heroism

In my lifetime I have never seen a greater bit of heroism. Those nine men gave up their lives deliberately, but not without gain for Britain. The Germans on the advance front found themselves with nothing but the gasoline actually in use.

And without gasoline the tanks and panzer divisions were strapped, which, however, in no way lessens the valour and heroism of the 800 Scotchmen who also played a major role at Dunkirk. Those 800 Scotchmen, fighting in their kilts despite the fact official British army sources frown on kilts, held back five whole divisions of Germans for 24 hours along toward the end of the retreat. They enabled the last man to walk off the beach with the first German still a comparatively long way inland.

UNIQUE CHINA LOST IN RAID

Secret Which Died With Potters

A collection of Badkin lustre ware, the only one in existence, was destroyed in the fire raid on the city of London.

It belonged to Mr. Charles R. S. Taylor, a freeman, who all his life had lived in the famous square mile, like his father before him and his grandfather, too.

"There was nothing like that collection," said Mr. Taylor in his new home in a West End hotel. "It was nearly 200 years old, and it had come down to us from the ancestors who made it at their pottery in Longton, Staffordshire. I inherited it from my father.

"When the potters died their secret went with them, and our specimens were the only ones in existence.

"The distinctive feature of the ware, which consisted of a loving cup, tea cups, saucers and many other articles, was the silver or gold lustre that had been applied to it.

"The British Museum on one occasion asked for it to be lent to them, but we were afraid it might be broken. No maid was ever allowed to touch it. My wife and I at regular intervals would clean it ourselves, and the brightness of the silver and gold was never lost.

"Now it has all been destroyed."

WROTE FOR BUTTER

Mrs Phyllis May Bigg-Wither, Rivermead Court, Hurlingham, who was stated to have written to a grocer in Dundalk, Louth, asking for a pound of butter and a pound of bacon to be sent to her each week, was fined £4 and ordered to pay £2 2s. costs at West London Police Court.

It was said that she asked that the parcel should be marked "Butter gift" so that she would "get it without trouble."

PRISON FOR SMOKING

Ella Bain, aged 37, Great George Street, Glasgow, who, at a Scottish Sheriff Court was sent to prison for six weeks, admitted being found in a protected place with six cigarettes and 10 live matches contrary to the Defence Regulations. It was stated that Bain, a factory employee, deliberately brought in cigarettes and matches to have a smoke when she felt inclined.

BIRCH FOR BOY OF 9

A boy of nine was at Salford juvenile court ordered six strokes of the birch for wounding his nine-year-old friend by stabbing him with a knife. "It is only by good luck that you are not a murderer" the chairman told him. It was stated that there would be an appeal.

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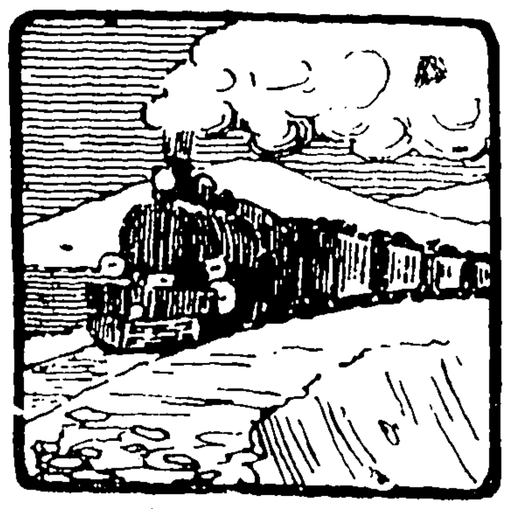

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,900 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN.
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

An Unusual Bid

By The Four Aces

"This hand stumped us, and for the life of us we can't see how we should bid it," is the plaint of a reader. "Can you advise us?

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

	♠ Q 6 ♡ A J 10 ◇ K Q J 9 8 3 ♣ 7 6	
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The bidding:

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2 ♡	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
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"We got a heart lead, lost the finesse, lost the spade finesse, and had to lose a club and a diamond, too. But three no-trump was cold as the proverbial mackerel. I didn't see how I could bid no-trump with the South cards because I didn't have a stopper in hearts: and North couldn't see how he could bid no-trump with the North cards, because he didn't have a stopper in spades. If either one of us had felt like gambling he could have bid no-trump, I suppose, but that wouldn't be scientific, would it? How would experts get around this?"

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JACK ... ½
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Experts have a way of getting to such games scientifically, but before we even describe the method we want to make it plain that only good players can use this method safely. South's second bid, if he were an expert with an expert partner, should be two spades! Then North would bid two no-trump, and South could safely bid three no-trump since his partner guarantees a stopper in hearts by bidding two no-trump.

If North doesn't have a stopper in hearts, he will rebid diamonds, or support clubs or spades. If North raises to three spades, South can go to four clubs safely enough. And if North is enthusiastic enough to jump from two to four spades, South should probably pass and play the hand at that contract. Provided only that North is a good enough player to understand that two spades is a very strong bid, there can be little harm in using this rather unusual bid.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 3
♡ Q 10 8
◇ J 10 8 4
♣ K 10 7 3

The bidding:

Mafer	Schenken	Jacoby	You
3 ◇	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your length in diamonds makes it seem likely that your partner wanted to be taken out of this double; but your flat distribution and general strength suit your hand much better to defence than to offence.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 667

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 3 2
♡ K 7 4
◇ A 5
♣ A J 9 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Mafer
Pass	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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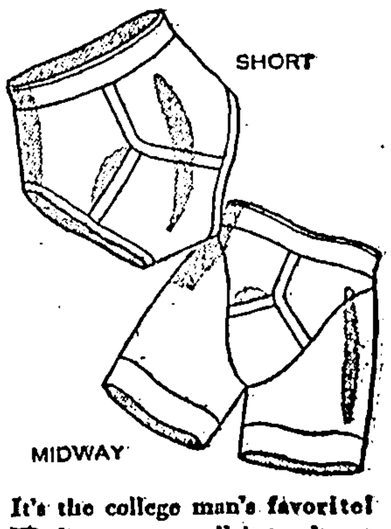

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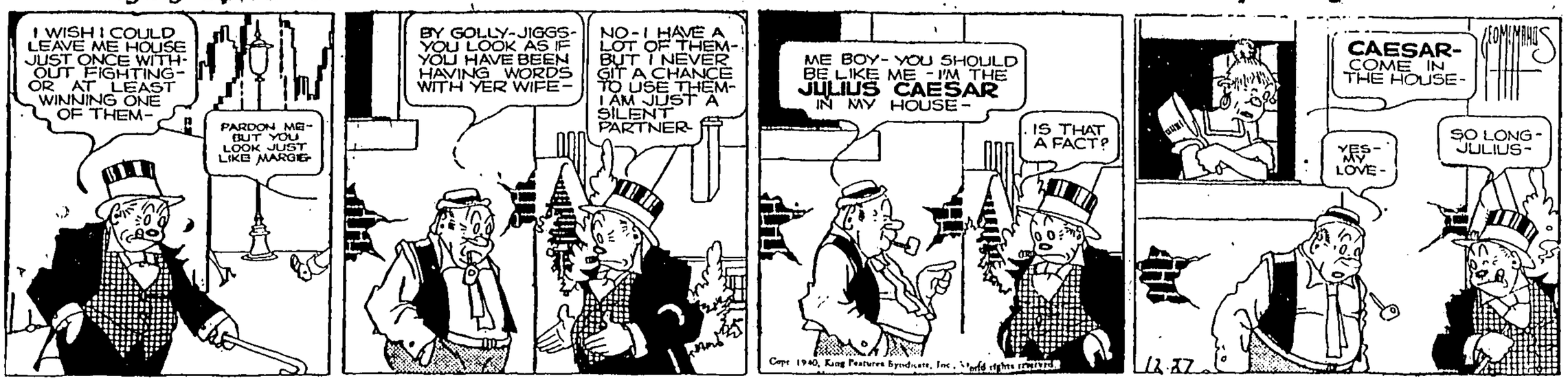

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Prepare For Radiant Spring

In general, good health habits result in good health and normal beauty. Bad health habits result in sickness, unhappiness and ruined beauty. So it does pay to adopt a health routine and to stick to it.

If you hope to meet the spring in good health and with a buoyancy you must work in March and April. Two months is but a brief period to compensate for several months of health indifference. Daily you must exercise for at least fifteen or twenty minutes. If you haven't been exercising begin with limbering and stretching movements and then continue with the more strenuous refashioning exercises. Drink plenty of water every day, eat well planned meals at regular hours, get sufficient rest. It might be a splendid thing for you to have your annual physical examination and visit to your dentist. Get busy and renovate yourself so come spring you can meet it with beauty and pep.

Gale Storm limbers at home. From this position she rises and throws her arms outward. Repeat exercise bending knees alternatively.

Avoid Fatigue

"Overfatigue," as one doctor puts it, is caused by the lack of an organised daily programme, which should allow for regular periods of rest as well as for work. Thus the strain of modern, hectic living is reduced and permits a woman to meet new demands on her energy with refreshed body and mind.

To avoid overfatigue lighten your daily programme as much as possible. Don't clutter up your time with unnecessaries. Don't rush about and fret, and worry about people and things which can get along without your fussing. Learn to say "No," to some demands on your time. Be selfish insofar as you reserve some time for a few breaths of fresh air and a few hours for relaxation. Once you get wound up and going in circles, so to speak, it is difficult to let up and relax.

If you find yourself keyed up and nervous take ten minutes out for relaxing exercises. Then lie flat on the floor or on other hard surface for five minutes. Forget everything. Make your mind a blank and when you get up count up to ten slowly before you again begin your tasks.

Some women, it is true, have too much to do and no means of being helped. But legion are the women who make work for themselves and others. In a scatter-brained manner they go about doing things the hard way and use twice the energy their tasks actually required. To such women my advice is to let everything go for two days except the vitally necessary tasks. They should pretend they are very ill and just sit back. To their amazement they will find that the world goes on as usual without their hectic dashing about! During their rest hours of those two days they should frankly reorganise their daily programmes and determine to save their strength and allow more time for good health habits.

We Want To Help

If you follow this column regularly you will be given beneficial exercises to practice, you will learn valuable facts about planning menus, and as many beauty hints as your heart desires. It is our job to help you to be healthy and beautiful and we want to help you give yourself a sporting chance!

Chicken Fricassee *and Dumplings with* Mushroom Sauce

by Dorothy Greig

CHICKEN fricassee is a comfortable family sort of dish. When it comes to the table the glistening chicken pieces so tender the meat parts from the bones with a fork, surrounded by thickened gravy and topped with feathery dumplings, then gather around. For here is savory eating

Especially is it good fixed this new way. We use condensed cream of mushroom soup to add its creaminess and mushroom flavor to the already deep chicken flavor of the gravy.

Fricassee of Chicken and Dumplings with Mushroom Sauce

1 fowl (4-5 pounds)
1 slice onion, carrot and stalk of celery
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Wash fowl and cut into pieces; place in stewing kettle with slice of onion, carrot and stalk of celery, add water to half cover (about 1½ quarts) and simmer slowly. When chicken is half-cooked, add the salt and pepper. Cook slowly for one and a half to two hours or until fowl is tender.

Dumplings for Fricassee

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons shortening

Sift the flour and measure. Then combine flour, salt and baking powder and sift again. Cut in the shortening and then stir in the milk to form a medium soft dough. It may not be necessary to use the entire cup of milk. Drop the dumplings from a teaspoon on top of the chicken in the stew. Cover tightly and steam for 12-15 minutes.

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can chicken stock from fricassee

Combine the cream of mushroom soup with the chicken stock from fricassee (using soup can for a measure). Heat well and pour the sauce over the chicken and dumplings which have been arranged on a platter or chop plate.

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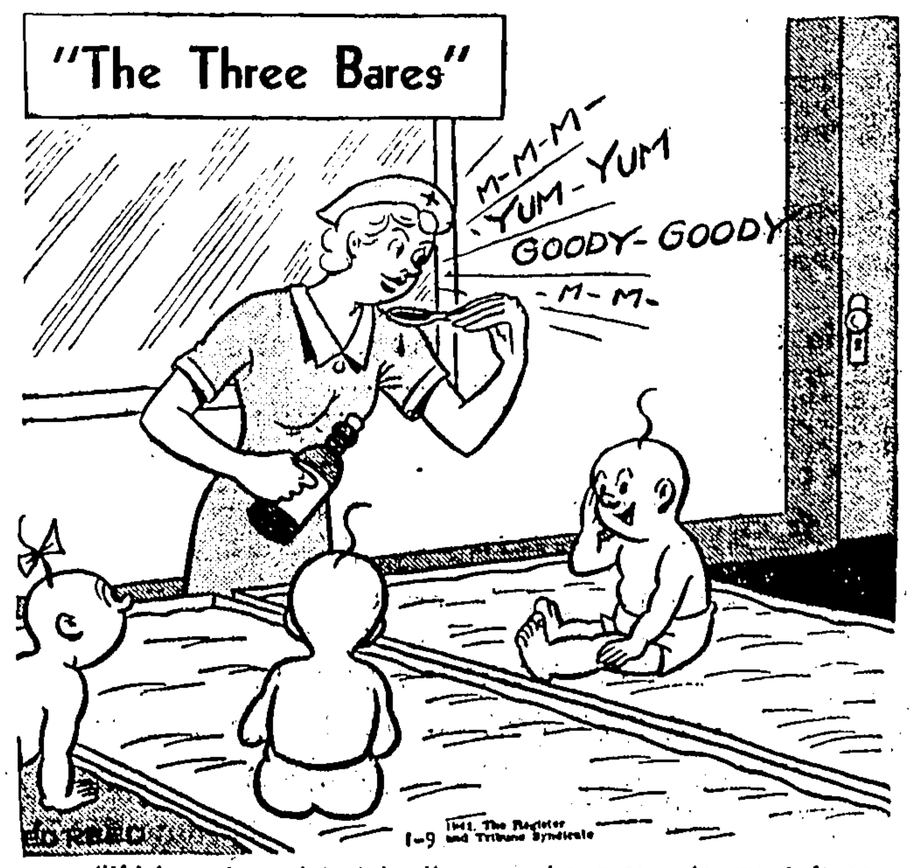

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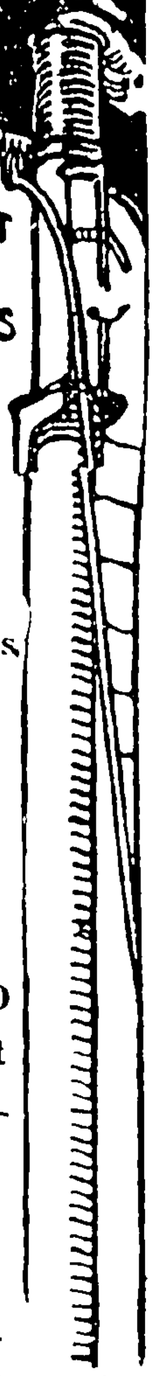

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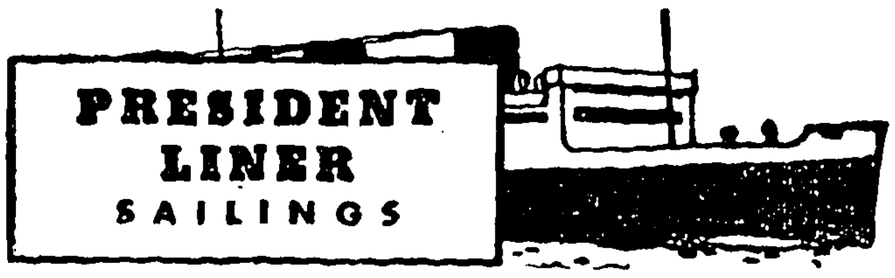

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin. Cuban Overture....Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Rosa Linda at the Piano; I Got Plenty O' Nuttin' (from 'Porgy & Bess')....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Male Chorus; Second Rhapsody... Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Roy Barby at the Piano; Lullaby; Summertime and the livin' Is easy (from 'Porgy & Bess')... Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal
1.01 p.m.—Variety with The Hill Billies and Len Fillis. Vocal—Memories of An Old Cow Hand....The Hill Billies; Vocal—My First Thrill (film 'She shall have music')...June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra; Hawaiian Guitar—Swanee Moon (Towers & Others)... Len Fillis with Piano; Vocal—Do The Runaround (film 'She shall have music')...June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra; Vocal—Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Robison) The Hill Billies; Accordeon—The Hobgoblins—Polka....Walter Porschmann; Vocal—We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton & Rose) The Hill Billies; Hawaiian Guitar—Waltzing to the Guitar—Medley Intro: Destiny; Missouri; I Love the Moon; Alice Blue Gown; Love will find a Way; My Hero... Len Fillis.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 129. Gregor Piatigorsky ('Cello) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spree... Teddy Powell & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Il Pleurait (film 'Pieges'); Mon Petit Kaki...L'Accordeoniste Deprince & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby; Junk Man...Jack Teagarden & His Orchestra
Tangos—La Punalada; Se Lo Llevaron...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro
Quickstep—Give Me My Ranch; Fox-Trot—Goodnight, My Beautiful ... Ken 'Snakehips' Johnson & His West Indian Orchestra
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Piano Duets by Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 2—Intro: Goodnight my love; So do I; I need you; Boo-Hoo; Love Marches On; What will I tell my Heart.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 24—Intro: When you wear your Sunday Blue; It's a lovely day to-morrow; Moonlight Avenue; Careless; A little rain must fall; I cried for you.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Brigadier-General French, C.M.G., C.B.E., on 'Censorship'.
8.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Oceans Apart (Rooney, Miller)...Judy Garland with Orchestra; Orch.—Play Gypsy (Kalman)....Hungarian Gypsy Band; Vocal—Figaro (from 'Babes in Arms')....Judy Garland with Orchestra; Orch.—Blue Forget-Me-Not (Banffy)....Hungarian Gypsy Band; Humorous Monologue—Keeping a Stiff Upper, Play Up and Pay the Dame....Oliver Wakefield ('The Voice of Inexperience'); Mouth Organ—Night Over Shanghai (film 'The Singing Marine')....Larry Adler with Orchestra; Vocal—Chloe (Song of the Swamp) (Kahn & Moret)....The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Escorts; Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love To-night (film 'The Singing Marine')....Larry Adler with Orchestra & Vocal.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

Dieting Dot says all these people who rave about exercise being heaps of fun don't know what hard work means.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—A Recital by Frederick Thurston, Wanda Landowska and Lily Pons.
Preludes Nos 1 and 2 in C Major, Prelude No 3 in C Minor, Fugue in C Minor for Two Voices (Bach) Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord)
Suite for Two Clarinets (Alan Frank) Prelude-March-Rondo-Dirge - Finale Frederick Thurston and Ralph Clarke (Two Clarinets).
Lo! Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop) Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra and Flute Obbligato.
Fantasia in D Minor (Mozart)... Wanda Landowska (Piano)
Ah! I Knew It (from 'The Magic Flute'—Mozart) Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra.
A Truro Maggot (Philip Browne—In 17th Century Manner); Gigue (C H Lloyd); Largo and Allegro Giocoso (Galuppi-Craxton)... Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano).
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m. — London Relay — 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).
Song of the Volga Boatmen (Chaliapine, Koenemann); The Prophet, Op. 49 (Rimsky-Korsakov); Slander is a whispering zephyr ('The Barber of Seville'—Rossini).
10.27 p.m.—Compositions of Prokofieff. 'Love of the Three Oranges'—March and Scherzo—Waltz Scherzo....London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
Gavotte (from 'Classical Symphony', Op. 25)....Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano.
Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26—1st Mov: Andante-Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andantino-Tema con variazione 1 - 5; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo l'istesso tempo....Serge Prokofieff (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

NO LONGER SAFETY FIRST

The National Safety First Association has decided to change its title to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. A. Pickhard, general secretary, said they felt their accident prevention work might be handicapped if it were waged under a slogan contrary to the present needs and spirit of the country.

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COL. BINGHAM RELIEVED OF COMMAND

LT.-COL. R. C. BINGHAM, who, in a letter which appeared in the "Times" on Jan. 15, criticised officers of the new Army drawn from the middle, lower middle, and working classes, has been relieved of his command of the 168th Officer Cadet Training Unit.

This was announced in the House of Commons by Capt. Margesson, Secretary for War.

Col. Bingham, at his home in Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington, declined to be interviewed, but sent the following brief and pointed statement to a reporter:

An officer is not allowed to open his mouth. Unfortunately, I did so, and am paying for it. It is the privilege of an officer to be shot at without answering back.

No statement has been authorised concerning the future employment of Col. Bingham. At the moment the position is that he will, at least temporarily, be retired. It is a matter for future consideration by the Army Council whether he is employed in another capacity.

Breach Of Regulations

Capt Margesson, announcing his decision in reply to Mr Lees-Smith (Soc.), said Col. Bingham had committed a breach of the King's Regulations. An expression of the Army Council's severe displeasure had been conveyed to him.

"This disposes of the disciplinary aspect of the matter," Capt. Margesson added. "In addition, I have decided that this officer is no longer suitable for the command of an officers' cadet training unit (cheers) and I have given instructions for him to be relieved of his command."

Mr. Bellenger (Soc.) asked whether the Army Council dissociated itself entirely from the views expressed in the letter.

Capt Margesson: I do not think I can usefully add to my answer, which is perfectly clear.

Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Knox (Cons.): Does not the Minister agree that the "Times" newspaper was greatly at fault in publishing the letter? (Cheers.)

Capt. Margesson's attention was drawn to a work called "Reginald" by the inimitable Saki, H. H. Munro, which tells the story of the unfortunate results to a woman who set out to tell the truth?

This question was not answered.

Saki's Story

"The Woman Who Told the Truth" is a modern fable in one of the "Reginald" sketches by Saki. It points the moral that it does not always pay to tell the truth. The sketch tells of a woman who contracted the habit of veracity until she became constitutionally incapable of telling a lie—even about her age.

"At last the dreadful thing came," says the author. "On a raw Wednesday morning, in a few well-chosen words, she told the cook that she drank. . . . The cook was a good cook, as cooks go; and as cooks go, she went.

"Miriam Klopstock (a friend who had been insulted by a previous out-burst of candour) came to lunch the next day. Women and elephants never forget."

Served In Last War

Col. Bingham, who was educated at Eton, is 55. He served throughout the last war, during which he won the D.S.O. and the Italian Silver Medal for Military Valour, was wounded three times, mentioned in despatches and promoted. He is married and has one son and one daughter.

In his letter Col. Bingham wrote: "Never was the old school tie and the best that it stands for more justified than it is to-day.

"Our new armies are being officered by classes of society who are new to the job. The middle, lower-middle and working classes are now receiving the King's Commission.

"These classes, unlike the old aristocratic and feudal (almost) classes who led the old army, have never had 'their people' to consider. They have never had anyone to think of but themselves. This aspect of life is completely new to them, and they have very largely fallen down on it in their capacity as army officers."

CITED, HE IS LEFT £7,000

A fortune of £7,000 has been left to Mr. Frederick T. Ryan, Lord Charlemont's former chauffeur, whom Lord Charlemont cited as co-respondent in his petition for divorce.

It comes to him under the will of Evelyn Fanny Charlotte, Viscountess Charlemont, of Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, Chelsea, who was killed during and air raid last October.

Lord Charlemont in his petition alleged that Lady Charlemont and Mr. Ryan had visited the Old Ship Hotel at Mere, Wilts.

He obtained a decree absolute in April last year.

The decree nisi was not due to be made absolute before July, but Lord Charlemont, who was then very ill, applied to have the matter expedited because, if he should die in the meantime, his former wife would have inherited £300 a year.

Lady Charlemont left £27,688 gross, with net personalty £23,-865. Estate duty amounts to £4,667. After bequests amounting to £12,000 to a nephew and nieces, she left the residue of her property to Mr. Ryan.

MAPLE LEAF UNCLE SAM?

Flight Lieutenant Nick Nickerbocker, formerly a Hollywood stunt flyer, has asked the Canadian Government to allow American airmen in the Royal Canadian Air Force to wear on their tunics a representation of the figure of Uncle Sam, super-imposed on the maple leaf.

The Government is considering the suggestion.

SEAMAN DEFIED SUBMARINE

The defiance of a member of the crew of the British steamer Shakespeare, 5,029 tons, who preferred death to being rescued by the Italians was described by Capt. Bailey. His exclusive story was to-day cabled from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Island.

Capt. Bailey, who for three hours fought with a submarine of superior armament, had been too ill to speak of his experiences before.

"When after three hours' fight we abandoned our sinking ship the submarine took our lifeboat in tow," he said. "One of my men, an elderly seaman, shouted 'I won't be saved by them.'

"He scrambled to the bows of the boat and began hacking at the tow-rope with a knife. Shipmates pulled him back, but he kept on shouting to the submarine, 'We don't need help from you.'

Jumped Into Sea

"Then he broke away from his shipmates and jumped into the sea. We tried in vain to get him back. For a little while he swam behind the boat until exhausted. Then he raised an arm in an attempt to wave, and called out 'goodbye' before he disappeared."

Capt. Bailey refused the submarine commander's invitation to go aboard to have his wounds dressed. As a result of exposure in the open boat before being picked up by a Portuguese sloop he is suffering from severe blistering caused by the sun and salt water.

"The submarine attacked about 150 miles north of the island of Sal, in the Cape Verde group," he said. "Immediately she fired the first shot I ordered the gun crew to reply. The men behaved with magnificent courage in the face of repeated hits.

"As soon as one member of the gun crew was killed or wounded another man leapt forward to take his place, without needing the word of command. Our fire certainly killed two and wounded several others."

79 Of Crew Missing

The captain and 25 other survivors of the torpedoed British steamer Nalgora, 6,579 tons, reached the Cape Verde Islands after seven days in an overcrowded lifeboat. The remaining 79 members of the crew in four other boats are missing.

One of the survivors, whose arm projected over the lifeboat's side, was attacked by a shark which the captain beat off with a boat hook.

A submarine, believed to be Italian, attacked the Nalgora at night without warning. After the vessel had heeled over, the submarine commander gave the crew 35 minutes to abandon ship. Then he ordered the Nalgora to be sunk with gunfire. The submarine left the British crew 100 miles from land.

NAZIS TAKE AWAY CHURCH WINDOWS

By order of the German military command, stained glass windows from the famous Brussels church of St. Gedule have been dismantled. Packed in 100 cases, the glass has been taken away to what the Nazis call a "place of safety."

The inference is that they expect or fear the Belgian capital may soon be in the firing line, or else they want to impress the inhabitants with the idea that Britain intends to bomb the city.

Germany is treating Belgians with even less consideration than the other peoples under her domination. The shortage and chaotic and bad distribution of food and other supplies is ascribed to the Belgians' own inefficiency.

SARAH SIMPLE FOR SERVICES

A special performance of "Sarah Simple" has been arranged for men of the Services to-night.

A. A. Milne's play is very light fare, full of amusing and swift dialogue and scenes and it provides admirable distraction from the cares of war, income tax and evacuation.

The opening night is to-morrow and the play will run until Saturday. Booking for seats at $3.30, $2.20 and $1.10, is being handled by the Anderson Music Co. and it would be as well to book as soon as possible as the last nights are already heavily booked.

The number of invitations accepted by the Services for to-night promises a full house for this comedy of the vague inventor who named the wrong man as co-respondent when his wife left him. This slip leads to complications and trying situations on his charming wife's sudden return just as he is attempting to establish a liaison wth the attractive but conventionally minded widow of a Canon.

The cast is headed by Sheilah Mackinlay as the lovely Sarah Simple, Claude Burgess as her corkscrew inventing husband, and Day Sage as the attractive widow, a part which carries some of the most shattering lines in the play.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are the soulful, adolescent twins, and W. E. Kirby gives a cameo of a depressed detective-minded pub waiter.

BLACK-OUT TO-NIGHT AT TAIPO

If fine weather conditions hold, a black-out exercise to experiment with the Star-lighting system will be held at Taipo, between 11 p.m. and midnight to-morrow.

In order that the greatest value from these experiments may be obtained, the full cooperation of residents and the sea-faring population of Taipo is sought by asking them to ensure that all lights in their premises are either extinguished or obscured so that no light can be seen from any direction.

Motorists who may find it necessary to pass through Taipo are requested to take the necessary steps to black-out their lights, or failing this, to stop outside the area affected and switch out all lights. The area in which the trials will be carried out at Taipo is bounded by the Railway, the sea, Kam San Bridge, and the northern end of the Taipo Causeway.

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Hockey

IN the Large Units' Hockey League Middlesex Regiment have a seven-point lead over the 5/7th Rajput Regiment.

On Saturday the Middies defeated the H.K.S.R.A. by seven goals to three.

Matches played during last week were as follows:—

5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat H.K.S.R.A. 2—1.

5/7th Rajput Regt. beat Combined Small Units 6-0.

Fortress Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units 3-1.

Middlesex Regt. beat H.K.S.R.A. 7-3.

LEAGUE POSITION TO DATE

	P	W	L.	D	Pts
Middlesex Regt	9	8	0	1	17
5/7th Rajput Regt	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy Regt	7	3	1	3	9
5th A.A. Regt	6	3	1	2	8
2/R Scots	6	1	4	1	3
8th Hvy Regt	7	2	4	1	5
H.K.S.R.A.	6	1	3	2	4
Fortress R.E.	7	2	5	0	4
2/14th Punjab Regt	5	1	2	2	4
Combined S.U.	6	0	4	2	2

To-day at Shamshuipo the British Army team will meet the Indian Army team in the Quadrangular Tournament, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to play:—

L/Cpl. Dove (Royal Signals); Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots) and Bdr. Anderson (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.); Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.), Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers), Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.); Lieut. Clague (Royal Artillery), Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.) Pte. Hitchcott (Royal Scots), Cpl. Shaw (Royal Engineers) and Cpl. Singleton (Royal Engineers).

Reserves:—Cpl. Allsey (Royal Scots) and S/Sgt. Saxby (Royal Engineers).

This same team will play against Royal Navy on Friday at King's Park, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

The final of the Small Units Knockout Competition will be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday between the Third Medium Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the 36th Hvy. Btv., R.A.

Colonel L. A. Newnham, M.C. President of Hong Kong Area Hockey, will present the prizes to the winners and runners-up at the conclusion of the match.

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Rugby Football

TO-DAY, in the Large Units Rugby League, Royal Engineers will play the Combined Small Units and should have no difficulty in accounting for them. The Engineers have not yet lost in this League.

The Royal Artillery will play the Middlesex Regiment and this should prove a good game as the sides are evenly matched.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L.	D	Pts
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	1	0	6
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Middlesex Regt	5	1	4	0	2
Combined S.U.	4	0	3	1	1

Tennis

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Army Tennis League held on Monday the following officials were selected for the coming season:—

President—Capt. C. H. R. Hyde.

Secretary — L/Cpl. Bushell (Corps Military Police).

Committee—Major D. C. E. Grose (Royal Engineers), Cpl. Husband (Royal Signals), S/Sgt. Mitchell (Royal Engineers), S/Sgt Adams (R.A.O.C.) and representatives from Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment.

It was proposed by Capt. R. E. Guest and carried that an Army singles championship should be included in the competitions for the season, open to all Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men.

A proposal by R.A.M.C. that a separate League should be run for Unit Officers' teams was defeated.

An application by Major A. Rosenbloom for permission to enter a team in the "A" League consisting of two Indian Medical Service Officers and the remainder I.M.D. Personnel was granted.

A request by the Middlesex Regiment for permission to play all their 'Home Matches' on their hard courts at Shamshuipo was dealt with. It was decided that the League was a grass court competition, this could not be permitted, especially as there was a grass court conveniently situated at Chatham Road.

It was agreed that Royal Air Force should be invited to enter teams and competitors in all the tennis competitions and that Army should enter a team for the Colony "B", "C" and "D" Leagues for 1941.

The kind offer of the Royal Navy to permit Soldiers to play on their hard courts in the Dockyard and Causeway Bay was gratefully accepted.

The following points were also agreed upon:—that the League should start before the end of April; that in the event of inclement weather a definite decision would always be given by 1 p.m. as to whether the courts were playable or not.

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Athletics

IN the course of this week two Units are holding athletic meetings. Combined Small Units are holding their meeting at Chatham Road to-morrow to enable them to select their team for the Command Athletic Meeting, while Middlesex Regiment are holding their Sports at Shamshuipo over to-morrow and Thursday.

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Association Football

IN Second and Third Divisions of the Football League, the two top teams are still fighting it out for League honours.

The Second Division title, which rests between Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps, is still in the balance with the Engineers, having one game in hand, being one point in the lead.

In Third Division Royal Air Force and Royal Signals, with the same number of points, will probably decide matters on the last game of the season. Both have played 20 matches, won 14 and drawn four, and have 32 points.

Signals, thus far, have had fewer goals scored against them, than any team in any division of the League — 20 goals in 20 matches.

Royal Army Service Corps lost a good chance of establishing an even larger goal-scoring record when Kowloon gave them the points in their Second Division encounter; so far they have scored 105 goals and look like reaching the 120 mark before the end of the season.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY

Large Units Rugby League, Sookunpoo—Royal Engineers v Combined Small Units, 3.00 p.m.; Royal Artillery v Middlesex Regiment, 4.30 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

Hockey, Quadrangular Tournament - British Army v Indian Army, Shamshuipo, 4.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Athletics—Middlesex Regt. Meeting, Shamshuipo, 2.30 p.m.; Combined Small Units Meeting, Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

Rugby—Club "A" v Royal Engineers, Club ground, 5.15 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snooker—Army League, 14th Round, Soldiers' Club, 6.00 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

Athletic Meeting—Middlesex Regt., Shamshuipo, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Quadrangular Tournament Hockey—British Army v Royal Navy, King's Park, 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Hockey, Small Units Final — 3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A. v 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., Sookunpoo.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Colony tennis championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

W. J. Howard v H. D. Rumjahn (7).

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).

T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (4).

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui (5).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

H. Van Leeuwen (—2/6) v L. P. Ralph (scr.) (1).

A. T. Dow (—3/6) v M. A. Bierens de Haan (scr.) (6).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—1/6) (3).

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton championship programme:—

AT CLUB DE RECREIO

Men's Junior Doubles

J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles

R. M. Lavalle v Peter Lo (7.15 p.m.).

T. S. Young v J. Tsang (8.30 p.m.).

Mixed Doubles

E. Gillespie and Miss Wong v H. E. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (9.15 p.m.).

ARMY CRICKET SEMI-FINAL

The semi-final of the Large Units Cricket Tournament between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery will be played at Sookunpoo to-morrow afternoon. The winners will meet the Combined Small Units in the final on Thursday, March 27, at Sookunpoo.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League match against Police on Saturday:

H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.

Sports Secretary

IT is notified for information that Lieut. J. D. Clague, 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., has taken over the duties of Area Secretary for Hockey from Capt. Hook, Royal Artillery.

Capt. R. E. Guest has taken over duties of Area Boxing Officer and 2/Lieut. E. C. Graham, Middlesex Regiment, has assumed the duties of Area Swimming Officer, with effect from March 1.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following are results of badminton championship matches played last night at King's College:

Men's Junior Doubles

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho, 17-15, 15—10.

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh, 15—6, 15—11.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano, 15—2, 15—5.

Mixed Doubles

Patrick Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro beat E. and Mrs. Zimmern, 15—0, 15—4.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS SPORTS

Preliminary heats for the Combined Small Units Individual athletic meeting were held yesterday at the Chatham Road field.

The following are the successful contestants who will enter the finals to be held to-morrow afternoon:

100 yards:—Sgt. Manfield, R. A. F. Marth, R.A.S.C., Brown, Senior and Baggs.

200 yards:—Manfield, Martin Tartt and Brown.

NAVY RUGBY TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following team has been chosen to represent Navy against Club "A" on Wednesday, on Club ground:

Wright; McGill, Paul, Wilson and Bowden; Carter and Rutherford; Danger, Eager, Flynn, Stockham, King, Inglis, Watson and Palmer.

MACAULEY WINS SENIOR TITLE AT D.B.S. SPORTS

The Diocesan Boys' School annual sports were held yesterday. The senior championship was won by J. Macaulay, the middle by Tam Kok-ling and the junior by P. Mugford.

Results:

100 Yards (Senior).—1, H. Wong; 2, L. Jernakoff, J. Macaulay (dead heat). Time: 11 2/5. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time: 12 2/5. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Ng Luen-fuk; 3, Lee E-shan. Time: 13 mins.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, S. Hall. Height: 5 ft. 5 ins. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, E. Guest. Height: 4 ft. 7 ins. Junior.—1, Chan Kwok-kin; 2, Ng Luen-fuk. Height: 3 ft. 7½ ins.

Sack Race (Middle).—1, P. Yew; 2, B. Lim; 3, Tan Kok-ling. Junior.—1, Ng Luek-fuk; and Marley King Cheung (tie); 3, C. Wu.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, J. Jernakoff; 3, F. Lam. Time: 26. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan. Time: 32 2/5. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time: 29.

Three-Legged Race (Middle).—1, E. Read—W. Newbern; 2, Fung King-chop—P. Yew; 3, B. Lim—J. Ramsey Junior.—1, P. Mugford—W. Lam. 2, Chan Kwok-kin-Lee E-shan and Lui Tse-chiu-Kwok Wai-chiu (tie).

440 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, G. Rosselet; 3, D. Truax. Time: 57. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, Tang Kwing-yew. Time: 62½. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan. Time: 75.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, C. Whitfield; 3, Ma Hin-hong. J. Macaulay (tie). Distance: 17 ft. 5 ins. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Distance: 15 ft. 9 ins. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan; 3, Chan Kwok-kin. Distance: 12 ft. 6 ins.

Obstacle Race (Senior).—Wong Kam-cheung; 2, N. Masters; 3, W. Macaulay. Middle.—1, P. Yew; 2, J. Ramsey; 3, Tan Kok-ling. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Ng Luen-fuk; 3, Chan Kwok-kin.

Shot-Putt (Senior).—1, Wong Ching-tong; 2, S. Hall; 3, Ip Cheng-bing. Distance: 33 ft. 2 ins.

Tug-of War.—1, Brown House; 2, Green House.

Club Relay.—1, Yellow; 2, Blue; 3, Green.

Pts. Gained by Club.—Yellow, 167; Blue, 163; Green, 80½; Brown, 62½.

The following events were decided last week:

Cross Country (Senior).—1, C. Truax; 2, D. Truax; 3, J. Macaulay. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, W. Newbern; 3, B. Lim. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan.

Mile (Senior).—1, C. Truax; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, D. Truax. Time: 5.20. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time: 5.41.

880 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, C. Truax; 3, Hsu Yuanyo. Time: 2.21 2/5. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time: 3 mins.

Throwing The Cricket Ball (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, S. Hall; 3, Hsu Yuanyo. Distance: 74 yds. 6 ins.

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SPORTS OF ALL SORTS FLOURISH IN HAWAII

HAWAIIANS DEVOTE more time to sports than any other people, writes a correspondent from Honolulu.

The result is stalwart men averaging six feet in height and keeping youthful vigor to an advanced age. You see 60-year-old Hawaiians with snow white hair and the smooth, supple skin of a man in his 30s. Get a load of Duke Kahanamoku. At 51, his speed in swimming 50 yards would surprise you.

Swimming comes to Hawaiians as naturally as walking. They developed a distinctive stroke an adaptation of which is called the Australian. Kahanamoku, now sheriff of Honolulu county, employing the Hawaiian six-beat stroke, broke Olympic sprint records in 1912 . . . became the world's greatest swimmer. After him came the Kealoha, Harris, Pung and Kalili brothers, Buster Crabbe and Johnny Wood.

Big Athletic Programme

Booming Honolulu now has tremendous athletic programmes, with 25,000 soldiers and 15,000 sailors carrying out schedules resembling those of major universities.

Football has been played in the islands since the Punahou school took it up in the '80s. The University of Hawaii team engages outfits from the States, as well as two island club teams. Honolulu has the Hawaii Senior League, an interscholastic League, an intermediate school and numerous other circuits. Other islands have their own loops.

Peculiar to Hawaii is barefoot football, not ragged games played by urchins, but a better-than-average game played without regulation uniforms.

Amateur Boxing Flourishes

Alexander Joy Cartwright, the baseball pioneer, came to Honolulu in 1849, and lost no time in organising teams. The Hawaii League is now tops in Honolulu, with teams representing nationality groups. There are six leagues in the city composed of representatives of business houses, and a dozen other circuits. Sugar plantations encourage baseball.

There has been a championship soccer series in Honolulu every season since 1900 with the exception of the first World War years.

There is hardly any community of more than 100 families that does not have a tennis court.

The islands are one of the hottest beds of amateur boxing in the world. Professional boxing and wrestling are doing well.

Golf next to swimming and baseball, is enjoyed by more players than any other sport. There are 24 courses on the four largest islands, one on Lanai Island.

Yachting, polo and deep-sea fishing all have bands of enthusiasts. As for hunting, most of the birds have become rare. Deer, boars and goats defy extermination.

Club At Waikiki To Be Reopened

Surfboard riding remains Hawaii's most picturesque sport. It is as distinctive to the islands as the hula, leis and poi . . . three-finger, two-finger or one-finger.

Yet the famous Outrigger Canoe Club, on the beach at Waikiki, has been out of existence for two years.

Now, thanks to Representative Walter James Macfarlane, a young man who does things in the land of liquid sunshine, the club will reopen at the same old stand, but in a delightful new clubhouse.

Macfarlane, nephew of Princess Abigail Kawananakoa, serving his fourth term in the Hawaiian House of Representatives, raised on a bond issue more than $90,000, which has been invested in the building and fixtures.

No other beaches in the world are as adaptable to surfboarding as those of the flowery archipelago. Only where the reef extends far out to sea is there the long, rolling wave surfriders can catch.

Kamaainas (old timers) and malihinis (newcomers) alike will welcome the comeback of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Waikiki wasn't the same without it, and the royal sport of surfriding should be preserved at the only beach where it can be enjoyed to the fullest.

SALE OF SIR ABE BAILEY'S STABLE

The late Sir Abe Bailey's horses 83 in all realised 42,677 guineas by auction at Newmarket recently.

The sale ordinarily would have ranked with that of Sir Edward Hulton's horses 15 years ago, when 288,380 guineas were obtained for 86 lots.

Only horse retained was Sir Abe's old favourite, Son-in-Law, founder of one of the most famous lines of stayers in the Stud Book. He is 29 years of age.

Top price was 5,200 guineas paid by Lord Glanely for the stallion Tiberius, who won the Ascot Gold Cup, the Goodwood Cup, Newmarket, St. Leger, and Liverpool St. Leger.

Mr. A. E. Allnutt paid 5,000 guineas for the two-year-old colt Sun Lore, by Hyperion out of Booklaw, and Mr. G. Hartigan 4,000 guineas for the four-year-old colt Fairstone, who finished third in the Two Thousand Guineas, and won the Newmarket Stakes, Greenham Stakes, and Jersey Stakes.

Lovely Rosa, who won the Oaks in 1936 and is in foal to Blue Peter, last year's Derby winner, was purchased for 2,500 guineas by Mr. Vic Smyth, the Epsom trainer.

"I have bought her as a speculation," said Mr. Smyth, "because I have every faith in the future."

Mr. Gerald Deane, a partner and senior auctioneer of Messrs. Tattersalls, said, "The sale has been an encouraging one, and beyond all expectations. It seems as though there has suddenly been a tremendous amount of confidence in the British position."

ON MAURICE FOSTER

Maurice Foster, of "Fostershire," sixth of the greatest of cricket brotherhoods of seven, is dead.

The seven brothers (H.K., W.L., R.E., B.S., G.N., M.K. and N.J.T.) had unique cricket honours by becoming the mother of an accomplished left-hander, J. W. Greenstock, who bowled well for Oxford.

The brothers always declared their sister to be as good a bat as any of them. "W. G." said the same of the Graces' mother.

You only had to watch Maurice Foster off-driving to at once say "Malvern"—even if you didn't know the name was Foster.

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BLITZ ATTACK ON BRISTOL

Casualties Feared Higher Than First Believed

SWIFT RELIEF ON CLYDE

Families who were bombed out of their homes in Clydeside were receiving relief from officers of the Assistance Board within three and a half hours of the first raids.

Red tape was cut clean away and Lord Rusheliffe, Chairman of the Board, said in an interview in Edinburgh that it was the general rule in distributing assistance in "Blitz" periods.

Money paid out by the Board to those in need of immediate help was paid out without prejudice to final claim. It would be a payment on account of the subsequent gratis claim.

The Board paid out at once money to help those who might, for instance, have lost all their clothing. They also paid out a sum to enable a man whose house had been bombed and destroyed to purchase furniture and necessary household utensils such as pots and pans.

Tools For Work

Money was also paid out immediately to enable a man to replace tools needed for his work and which he might have lost through enemy action.

In this matter great help had been received from the Trade Unions. The honesty of applicants had been absolutely beyond criticism. — British Wireless.

Little Daylight Activity By Luftwaffe

IT IS NOW FEARED that casualties in Bristol, main target in Sunday night's Nazi air attacks, were heavier than was at first expected.

The raid on Bristol was followed by a day of comparative quiet, in which very little enemy activity over Britain was reported during the daylight hours.

According to the Air Ministry a small number of aircraft crossed the coasts of Kent and north-east Scotland but no bombs are reported to have been dropped.

There was no early night alert last night.

It is now confirmed that an enemy bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire on the South Coast on Saturday night.

There was little air activity over Britain last night and London had had no alert up to a late hour.

ENEMY PLANES WERE OVER THE NORTH-EAST AND THE EAST ANGLIAN COASTS BUT THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF BOMBS - REUTER.

TRINIDAD GIFT FOR BOMBERS

After subscribing £100,000 for the purchase of fighter aircraft the people of Trinidad have sent a further amount of £10,000 as first instalment for the purchase of bombers.— British Wireless.

WOMEN TO REGISTER FOR WAR WORK

The scheme of compulsory registration for war work may be applied to every man over 40 and every woman over 19. No upper age limit has been fixed.

The Minister of Labour and National Service made this clear in further outlining his plans for the complete mobilisation of the nation's man and woman power.

Men aged 41 and 42, Mr. Bevin said, would register on April 5. Women aged 20 and 21 would register on two days—April 19 and a date to be announced.

Registration in these first groups would be universal though compulsion would not be applied in the case of mothers with young children or heavy domestic responsibilities.

After the first registrations the Minister may proceed by calling up either other age groups of men or women, or both, throughout the country, or a whole age group in any particular region.

All men and women will, "as far as is compatible with the national interest," be given a choice of occupation.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. AWARDS

Squadron-Leader R. M. Longmore, son of Air Chief Marshal Sir A. Longmore, Air Officer Commanding Middle East, is among many R.A.F. personnel whose services are recognised in the latest list of awards.

Squadron - Leader Longmore, who was born in 1915 and was commissioned from Cranwell in 1935, receives the O.B.E.

The awards range through almost every rank of the service.

Air Vice-Marshals N. H. Bottomley, F. J. Linnell, G. R. M. Reid and R. Paul receive the C.B., Acting Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Bromet, Air Commodore E. S. Goodwin and Group Captain G. M. Lay receive the C.B.E., and 44 officers besides Squadron-Leader Longmore are awarded the O.B.E.

One of these is a woman, Felicity Hadry, of the W.A.A.F.

Other awards comprise one M.C., nine A.F.C.'s (one posthumous), two M.M.'s, three A.F.M.'s and 14 M.B.E.'s. — British Wireless.

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JAPAN TRYING TO QUIT AXIS?

Matsuoka Mission To Find Way Of Escape!

SEEN AS INVITATION TO WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While neutral quarters express satisfaction over President Roosevelt's speech, Berlin and Rome outwardly profess indifference and scoff at the idea that the United States can help Britain.

AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN SAID THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS NURSING AN ILLUSION THAT AMERICA CAN SAVE ENGLAND BY A BLOOD TRANSFUSION THROUGH ARTIFICIAL METHODS.

They refer to Hitler's speech of February 28, when the Fuehrer said he would sink any vessel carrying aid to Britain.

In Rome, Virginio Gayda, stated in his paper that President Roosevelt's speech "is an invitation to war."

The "Exchange Telegraph" correspondent reports from Belgrade that Yugoslavia views President Roosevelt's speech as the turning point in the conduct of the war and the situation in the Balkans, and as a result Yugoslavia's resistance to German demands will be further stiffened considerably henceforth. — International News Service.

AMERICA'S PEACE AIM

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

That a negotiated peace between Britain and a democratic Government in Germany is the aim of the United States Government in the European conflict, was disclosed yesterday in Washington.

The United States is aiming through the Lease Lend Bill, firstly, to enable Britain to hold out, secondly, to defeat Nazi Germany and thirdly, to encourage peace between Britain and a democratic Government of Germany afterwards.

HIGH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT AN OVERTHROW OF THE NAZI REGIME IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE SOON IF HITLER FAILS TO END IT IN HIS FAVOUR QUICKLY. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

HITLER TO BREAK OFF U.S. RELATIONS?

Hitler will soon sever relations with the United States, it is considered likely by Washington diplomatic observers, according to Mr. William Simms, well-known writer on the Scripps-Howard newspapers, says Reuter from New York.

"BREMEN" FIRE STILL BURNING

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The flames which are consuming the 51,700-ton German liner "Bremen" are still raging unchecked 36 hours after discovery of the fire on board the former trans-Atlantic greyhound.

Nazi officials in Berlin are still trying to learn the cause of the fire.

An Exchange-Telegraph report from Zurich relates a message from Bremerhaven saying that an "unimpeachable source" admits that the "Bremen" may be considered lost.

Reports that the ship has sunk are unfounded.

In London it is recalled that the R.A.F. bombed "special targets" in Hamburg and Bremen on Thursday. — International News Service.

U.S. To Hustle

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

President Roosevelt's seven-billion dollar programme of aid to Britain is planned to be spent in the next fifteen months, it was stated in Washington yesterday.

This amount will treble the sum spent during the first fifteen months of the war.

The enormity of the Bill is expected to be emphasised during the debate to-day, but final passage is expected on Wednesday.—International News Service.

Konoye Resisting "Super-Patriots"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

(By James R. Young, Former International News Service Correspondent in Tokyo)

BELIEF IS STRONG IN WELL-INFORMED JAPANESE SOURCES IN NEW YORK THAT MR. MATSUOKA'S VISIT TO BERLIN IS NOT UNREMOTELY CONNECTED WITH A DESIRE IN HIGH PLACES IN POLITICAL TOKYO TO FIND A MEANS OF EXIT FROM THE TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE WITH THE AXIS.

Considerations reported to occupy prominent attention in Japan at the moment, according to these sources, include a further reorganisation of the Cabinet, and the resignation of Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, after his trip to Europe, if the result is not to offer opportunity for Japan to withdraw from the Axis.

It is known that a strong element of "super-patriots" is bringing pressure upon Prince Konoye to continue the Japanese southward expansion programme, assuming that Germany maintains her military campaign against Britain.

The Prime Minister is uncertain of his political health and seems anxious to resign, but there is good reason to believe that he has made it clear that before committing Japan to the policy of the super-patriots, he will await reports of the defeat of England and of the conclusion of a Japan-Russia non-aggression pact.

Matsuoka's Points

The first point will determine Japanese allegiance to the Axis, assuming Mr. Matsuoka's Berlin visit satisfies military needs.

IF MR. MATSUOKA FINDS THE GERMAN ATTITUDE "INSINCERE" HE WILL EXPLAIN, IN EFFECT, THAT JAPAN IS "FORCED TO RESIGN OWING TO THE FAILURE OF HER PARTNERS TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF THE ALLIANCE."

If Mr. Matsuoka remains in office on this basis it is believed that Japan will then try to swing the United States with a suggestion that she mediate in the Sino-Japanese war. — International News Service.

INCREASED ORDERS FOR WARPLANES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

That warplane orders will increase to as much as 60,000 'planes during the next few months was the opinion expressed by manufacturers yesterday as a result of new expenditure under the Lease and Lend Bill.—International News Service.

ANTI-NAZIS TO FIGHT?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

ALL GERMAN MALE REFUGEES ALL OVER THE WORLD MAY SOON BE CALLED ON TO TAKE UP ARMS, IF CONSULTATIONS AT PRESENT PROCEEDING IN LONDON MATERIALISE.

Thousands would welcome an opportunity to organise their own army or join British forces.

The British Government and Allied Governments in exile in London are considering the proposal.—International News Service.

IN THE CONFLICT NOW

"We are in the conflict now, irretrievably involved in it," is the comment of Mr. W. M. Hearst, the newspaper magnate, on President Roosevelt's speech in yesterday's New York "Journal American."

MR. HEARST DESCRIBED THE SPEECH AS "GOOD," ADDING: "THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE WAR BY A MASTERLY SERIES OF GOOD SPEECHES.

"We must unite in standing by the Government we elected and the policy we determined upon.

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NEW THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA

Recapture Of Berbera Opens Up New Approach

Steadily Closing In From 13 Points

WITH THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, ANOTHER THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA IS DEVELOPING, THE BRITISH SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO STATED LAST EVENING, AND EMPIRE TROOPS ARE NOW STEADILY CLOSING ON THE HEART OF THE ITALIAN EMPIRE FROM 13 POINTS.

Recapture of Berbera, the spokesman added, is also expected very considerably to ease the supply problem.

It is recalled in Cairo that when the Italians entered Berbera in August, 1940, Rome radio proclaimed that the collapse of the British Empire was now inevitable. "The Red Sea has been closed to the Royal Navy," the announcer boasted.

It is not yet possible to say whether the British successes on the Keren front are a prelude to an offensive or form part of the steady fighting which has been going on for six weeks, but Reuter was told in Cairo yesterday: "Things are boiling up at Keren again."

With the recapture of Berbera the only port in British Somaliland has been wrested from the Italian grasp.

New Threat

It is regarded in London as specially significant, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns, that the operation should have been carried out by a joint naval and military force, as this means a new threat to the Italian bases at Harar and Diredawa.

Italy's only remaining channel to the sea from Abyssinia is the route via Asmara and Massawa, apart from the French-controlled line to Djibouti.

There is no possibility of reinforcements reaching the sorely-tried armies of the Duke of Aosta.

LATEST NEWS FROM KEREN SUGGESTS THAT BRITISH PRESSURE IS BEING INTENSIFIED AND VICTORY AT KEREN WILL LAY OPEN THE WHOLE OF ERITREA .

Armoured Cars

Once the last shreds of Italian resistance have been overpowered, the whole of the Imperial forces in North-East Africa will be available for employment where they can best be utilised.

Not only R.A.F. bombers and fighters but R.A.F. armoured cars went into action in active cooperation with the Army and Navy in the successful assault on Berbera.

The part of the R.A.F. is described in an additional communique issued from Middle East Headquarters, which says: "Enemy aerodromes were heavily raided throughout the previous night and during the day, a particularly heavy attack being made on Diredawa aerodrome, and R.A.F. armoured cars took part in the capture of the town."

The communique adds that there were no R.A.F. casualties.—Reuter.

British Policy Of Self-help

A British Treasury statement on the sale of British holdings in the American Viscose Corporation says that 90 per cent. of a public issue to be made in the United States will go to the Treasury.

Shares now sold total 448,000 shares, which were held by Courtauld, Ltd. (the great British rayon concern).

Price to be paid to Courtauld's will be settled between the company and the Treasury or by arbitration.

This is the first fruits of the Peacock mission, which was to examine the possibility of making the best use of British investments in the United States.

The Treasury statement adds: "The sale of this valuable holding to American interests is evidence of the determination of the British Government to use every possible means of self-help at a time when they are receiving from the Government of the United States the measures of assistance set out in President Roosevelt's great speech on Saturday." —Reuter.

STRANGE INCIDENT

FOUR CABARET PATRONS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE ROBBED A YOUNG TAXI-DANCER, EMPLOYED AT THE PARAMOUNT BALLROOM, WINDSOR HOUSE, EARLY THIS MORNING.

The girl involved was 19-year-old Miss Kung Lung, of Shanghai, one of the most popular taxi-dancers in the new ballroom.

It is alleged that while being driven home shortly after midnight by four patrons, Miss Kung was relieved of her money and valuables in the Tai Hang District.

NIZAM'S OFFER TO INDIA

In response to the Government of India's recent appeal to the Indian States to undertake to supply the whole or part of a R.I.A.S.C. company, the Nizam of Hyderabad's Government has offered to raise a full company, the entire cost to be borne by the Nizam's Government.—Reuter.

G.B.E. FOR GEN. PAPAGOS

The Greek Commander-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Alexander Papagos, is to be made an Honorary Knight Grand Cross (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire, it was announced in London last night, says Reuter.

The Olivos and Hurlingham district of Buenos Aires has sent £5,000 for the purchase of aircraft.—British Wireless.

MATSUOKA ENTERS RUSSIA

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has arrived at the Russian frontier station of Otpor, states a message to the official German news agency. Mr Matsuoka is on the way to Berlin.—Reuter.

GERMANS RATTLED

German nervousness regarding Norwegian coastal shipping finds expression in a fresh decree limiting its freedom of movement and enacting penalties that may extend to death, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

A new order issued by the Reichs Commissar forbids coastal vessels to leave Norwegian ports without permission from the German authorities and decrees that no vessels shall depart from the route set out in the permit.

Fishing craft are forbidden to sail outside the limit of Norwegian coastal waters, which extend to a limit of 30 miles from the coast, while pleasure craft, sailing and other boats are forbidden to go more than three miles from the coast.—Reuter.

FRENCH DONATION FOR SPITFIRE

The Governor of the French Cameroons has put at the disposal of the British Consul-General at Duala two boxes of gold, amounting in value to £5,000, for the purchase of Spitfires.

Already one such gift has been made by public subscription and it is understood that yet another donation of a similar amount for the purchase of a third Spitfire is well on the way to completion.—British Wireless.

MATSUOKA TO BE IN MOSCOW TWO DAYS

Mr. Matsuoka will spend two nights in Moscow, where he is due next Sunday, according to a Japanese despatch from Manchuli (Manchukuo).

He is expected in Berlin on March 27 and in Rome about April 1. After his visit to Italy, Mr. Matsuoka will return to Berlin for four or five days.—Reuter.

This little evacuee in a Berkshire village is setting off in true Dick Whittington style to explore the byeways. (Copyright, Fox).

MR. CHURCHILL TRIBUTED AS "BOBBYDAZZLER"

"CHURCHILL IS — to use an Australian phrase — 'a bobbydazzler,' a real 'crackerjack,' who thrives on combat."

This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in Manchester last night.

Mr. Menzies declared: "He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do their best under strain."

Terming President Roosevelt's all-out appeal for help for the Democracies "magnificent," Mr. Menzies said: "This American attitude proves that to be neutral you need not be entirely unintelligent, and holding no opinions on the war, as some neutrals have thought.

"It also shows you can still give tremendous assistance to a combatant country."

Mr. Menzies described Hitler as holding the views of Alice in Wonderland that "What I say three times is true," except that "Hitler says it 30 times and it is still untrue."—Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful yesterday, being favourably influenced by President Roosevelt's speech and the firmer Yugoslav attitude. Industrials met with a fair general enquiry, with Courtauld's a special feature, advancing 2/- to 29/- on the American Viscose sale. Gilt-edged turned dull but Indian stocks were firm, as were home rails and Kaffirs. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

FIGHT FOR JUSTICE & LIBERTY

By its President's speech, declared the Athens newspaper "Proiac" yesterday, the United States ranges itself not only from a material standpoint but above all from a moral standpoint alongside the nations fighting for justice, liberty and civilisation.

That constitutes a guarantee that these three things will finally conquer their enemies, the paper adds.

Other Athens papers all welcome President Roosevelt's speech, typical comment being that of the "Eleitheron Vima," which says:

"Greece will show herself worthy of the confidence the great American nation has shown in her, and after victory is won will show her gratitude to those who lent her ample and spontaneous assistance."—Reuter.

Japan Shocked By Aid To China Pledge By Roosevelt

"REAL DANGER POINT" IN "GREAT PARADOX"

DECLARING THAT the inclusion of China among the Democracies entitled to aid under the Lease and Lend Act was the "great paradox" of President Roosevelt's address on Saturday, the "Japan Times and Advertiser" in Tokyo said last night that this formed "a real danger point which so greatly embarrassed the British Empire."

The newspaper, Japanese-managed and the only English-language daily in Tokyo, added: "Never, by any stretch of the imagination or desire could China under a Nationalist Government, first at Nanking and now at Chungking, be called a Democracy.

"It is not only an autocracy but a despotism and a tyrant over many.

"Furthermore, the China conflict has no relation whatever to the European war.

By adding General Chiang Kai-shek's cause to the cause of the Democracies, President Roosevelt recklessly adds to their burdens.

"In promising help to General Chiang, President Roosevelt knows that such help can reach the objectives only via the Straits of Malacca and Burma.

Japan's Case

"While Britain, through Australia, is searching for a basis for understanding in the Pacific, she must assist America to send war materials to Japan's war adversary, and is therefore promoting a warlike cause and essentially inviting retaliation

"As if the Democracies had not enough in Europe.

"If war supervenes in this ocean, Japan can make a convincing case, based on American provocation and intervention.

"The cautious Democracies might have thought that the case of General Chiang could be left in abeyance while more pressing matters were tackled."—Rueter.

ITALIANS NEARLY EXHAUSTED

The Italians on the Albanian front are showing evident signs of exhaustion after the crushing of their big offensive last week, according to Athens radio last night.

Only artillery fire is reported from the central sector yesterday.

On Saturday the Italians launched two relatively small attacks which were easily repulsed, and a further attack on Sunday morning was also disposed of without difficulty.

IN THE MEANTIME, ADDED THE RADIO, THE ALLIED AIR FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE R.A.F., HAD ANOTHER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DAY ON SUNDAY.—REUTER.

CHALKING IT UP.—At an A.R.P. station on a cricket ground "somewhere in Kent" a cricket scoreboard is used to record the number of warnings per day. (Copyright, Fox).

"TIGER" RUMOUR

Spoor marks of a large animal and the discovery on Sunday of the carcass of a deer with part of its hind quarters torn off, gave rise to rumours of a "tiger" prowling on the hills on the Island

The remains of the deer were found near the Tai Hang Squatters' Camp at Jardine's Look-out on Sunday

Large animal spoor was imprinted in the earth around the carcass.

It is, however, believed that the "crime" belongs to a pack of wild dogs.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

Negotiations in London between the Chinese and British authorities regarding the use of British credits to China are proceeding smoothly. An agreement is expected in the near future.—Central News.

SKILLED LABOUR SHORT IN U.S.

Vital American defence industries were reported officially in Washington yesterday to be facing a rapidly dwindling supply of skilled labour, just when the Government is preparing to give effect to the British aid programme by increasing armament orders by over 50 per cent.

This was made clear at a conference of metal trades managements and Labour representatives with the United States production chiefs. Mr. William Knudsen and Mr. Sydney Hillman, Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labour, and other officials.

Opening the conference, Mr. Knudsen said "We have got to go into production in America on a scale never approached before.

"Our need for ships and propulsion machinery for ships, tanks and 'planes is so great that upon you rests the responsibility for training more people in the shortest possible time in order to meet deliveries sorely needed here and abroad."

MR. KNUDSEN URGED SHIPBUILDERS SPECIFICALLY TO "GIVE EVERY SKILLED MAN THREE HELPERS TO LEARN HIS WORK." - REUTER.

R.A.F. FEATS IN ALBANIA

ATHENS RADIO, AFTER QUOTING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE R.A.F. AT TIRANA ON SUNDAY, DECLARED YESTERDAY IT HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT DURING LAST WEEK 39 ITALIAN AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN AND DESTROYED IN AIR BATTLES WITH ALLIED AIRCRAFT.

Seventeen others were severely damaged and at least 15 more destroyed on the ground at enemy aerodromes.

Three British aircraft only were lost, the pilots of two of these returning safely. Reuter.

AXIS PLANS DOOMED

CONFIDENCE IS EXPRESSED IN SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN CAPE TOWN THAT THE PASSAGE OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL WILL EXPEDITE THE DEFEAT OF THE AXIS.

Commentators consider it impossible for the Axis to succeed against the combined might of the British Empire and the most powerful nation in the world, declares the lobby correspondent of the South African Press Association.—Reuter.

FAMOUS INDIAN LEADER PASSES

The death occurred yesterday in Lahore of Sir Mohammad Hyat Khan Noon, father of the Indian High Commissioner in London.—Reuter.

R.A.F. AWARDS

Squadron-Leader R. M. Longmore, son of Air Chief Marshal Sir A. Longmore, Air Officer Commanding Middle East, is among many R.A.F. personnel whose services are recognised in the latest list of awards.

Squadron - Leader Longmore, who was born in 1915 and was commissioned from Cranwell in 1935, receives the O.B.E.

The awards range through almost every rank of the service.

Air Vice-Marshals N. H. Bottomley, F. J. Linnell, G. R. M. Reid and R. Paul receive the C.B., Acting Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Bromet, Air Commodore E. S. Goodwin and Group Captain G. M. Lay receive the C.B.E., and 44 officers besides Squadron-Leader Longmore are awarded the O.B.E.

One of these is a woman, Felicity Haury, of the W.A.A.F.

Other awards comprise one M.C., nine A.F.C.'s (one posthumous), two M.M.'s, three A.F.M.'s and 14 M.B.E.'s. — British Wireless.

HEAVY ATTACKS BY R.A.F IN TRIPOLITANIA

FURTHER SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. raids were announced in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Heavy attacks were made on aerodromes at Castel Benito and Makina, in Tripolitania.

A direct hit was registered on an ammunition dump at Benito aerodrome and fires were started on the other side.

BOMBS DROPPED AMONG DISPERSED AIRCRAFT AT MAKINA CAUSED A NUMBER OF FIRES WHICH DESTROYED AT LEAST FOUR AIRCRAFT WHILE OTHERS WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY BOMBS.

As the last bomber left, a violent explosion occurred among the dispersed aircraft.

Heavy Attacks

In Eritrea, very heavy attacks were made on enemy positions in and around Keren on Saturday and Sunday.

The R.A.F. also bombed and machine-gunned motor transport and troop concentrations, as well as a railway and road.—Reuter.

WOMEN DOCTORS FOR R.A.M.C.

A NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE BRITISH MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES IN INDIA WILL BE OPENED TO BRITISH WOMEN PRACTITIONERS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

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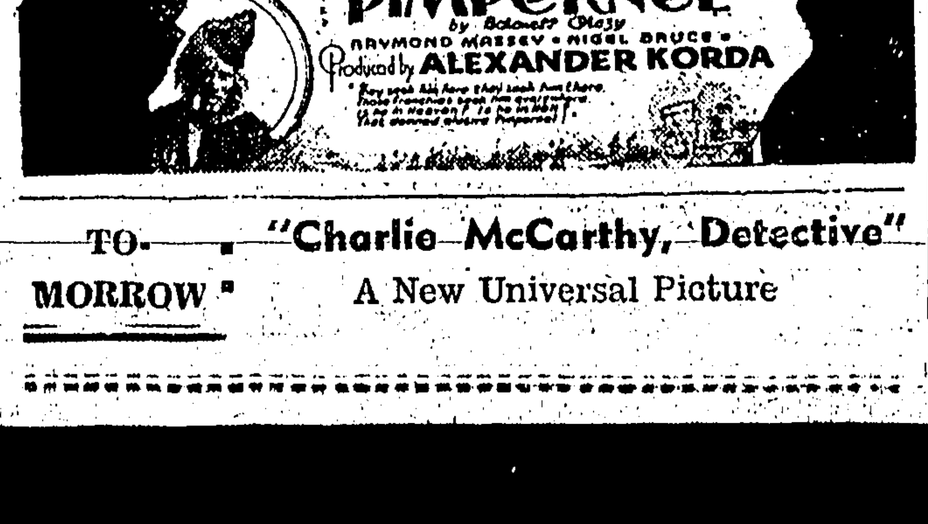

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QUISLING JUSTICE GETTING TO WORK IN OSLO

THE NEW PEOPLE'S COURT established by Quislings in Oslo has already begun work, state Norwegian circles in London, where details have been received of the procedure in the first case brought before it.

Sixteen Labour members of the Oslo Municipal Council, it is stated, were accused of having taken part in "demonstrations against the new order" and with "having acted in a counter-revolutionary manner."

The two judges ruled there was no case against accused since they had not been guilty of any overt act.

The judges were, however, overruled by the presiding magistrate and two lay magistrates, who were all supporters of the National Samling (Quisling Party), placed in their positions to ensure that there is always a majority for Nazi "justice."

Two of the accused were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, two more to 15 months and the remainder were bound over.

ALL WERE EXCLUDED FOR 10 YEARS FROM PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THUS AUTOMATICALLY DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

WALTERS CASE DISMISSED

MR J. F. WALTERS, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE S.S. KAU TUNG, WAS DISCHARGED BY MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WHEN THE CASE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BY PAU PO-KWAN, JUNIOR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT, WAS DISMISSED.

Mr Lowry said: "As I said last time the case came up, there was no dispute that a blow was struck. I also said I was satisfied that the blow was struck not because defendant was trying to prevent complainant from doing his duty, but because of the provocative words used by the complainant.

Defendant was undoubtedly guilty of common assault, but the summons against him was for obstructing complainant in the execution of his duty.

These two offences are entirely of a different nature and I therefore find defendant not guilty."

Mr. D. Strellett was for the defence.

EXMOUTH SAILS FOR MARSEILLES

The American steamship Exmouth sailed from Jersey City yesterday for Marseilles loaded to the top-decks with an American Red Cross cargo of food, clothing, medicines and surgical supplies to the value of $1,250,000.

Three hundred tons of oatmeal and farina remained on the quayside as the British refused to allow it through the blockade. No passengers were on board.

Clearance granted by Britain and Germany for March 7 was delayed because Italy needed more time to notify her naval units.—Reuter.

INDIA SUPPLY APPEAL SUCCESS

Altogether 485 revolvers, 252 compasses and 479 binoculars have been received by the Indian Supply Department in response to an appeal issued by the Director-General of Supply, says Reuter from New Delhi.

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TRIBUNAL HEARS TWO APPEALS

THE COMPULSORY Service Appeals Tribunal, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, (chairman), Brigadier A. Peffer and the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell this morning considered two appeals.

In the first case Mr. J. J. King, of Falconer and Co., asked to be re-assigned from the combatant group to the essential Services Group as he could not spare the time for Volunteer training.

Mr King stated that he was the sole European in charge of the compan_ who were agents for the sale of Admiralty charts.

It was necessary that the sale of these charts should be looked after by responsible persons and sold to proper buyers. He would like to remain in the Volunteers but he could not find the time for training.

The chairman said his case did not come strictly within the province of the Tribunal but in view of Mr King's position he would recommend a transfer to the Essential Services Group.

Sole Charge

Mr. A. J. W. Evans, of the British Cigarette Co., appealed against being assigned to the Combatant Group on the ground that, because of his work, he could not find time for training. He was in sole charge of the factory at Gloucester Road and had to be on the spot at all times. The factory contained very valuable machinery and in the case of an emergency he had to be at the works.

The chairman said he realised that Mr. Evans had a grave responsibility to his employers but if there were an emergency all this would go by the board.

The Tribunal could not find anything in his case to induce it to depart from what had been regarded as a sound rule, that every man should do his part in the defence of the Colony.

The appeal was dismissed.

FURTHER ARRESTS MADE

That two further arrests were made by the police yesterday in connection with the theft of 215 blankets from the R.A.O.C. Depot, was disclosed before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when Corporal Leonard Munsey, 29, of the R.A.O.C., and four Chinese, including a woman, appeared on remand.

The two men arrested yesterday were Li Po, 30, and Tsim Tak, 34, and, with the other defendants, they were remanded for a week.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, appearing for one of the Chinese defendants, Lo Yau, submitted that the police should consider bail for his client because the case might take six or seven weeks for hearing.

It was ridiculous, Mr. Silva contended, for the police to oppose bail as it would be a gross injustice if his client should be found not guilty after six or seven weeks' detention by the police.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, who opposed bail, stated that about $1,900 worth of blankets had been stolen from the Depot.

The Magistrate stated that he was not prepared to grant bail at the present stage.

MACHINE-GUN MAGAZINE RAIDED

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with stealing a large quantity of machine-gun ammunition from the Military Barracks at Tsuen Wan.

Accused, Cheung Sai-lo, 41, Lau Hing, 41, and Kwok Cheung, 25, were alleged to have stolen 12 cases containing 14,976 rounds of machine-gun ammunition from a magazine on two different occasions.

Detective-Sergeant MacPherson, in charge of the case, asked the Court to adjourn the case for further enquiries.

BANKING HOURS CORRECTION

It was erroneously stated yesterday that new bank hours for the transaction of public business would come into effect from to-day. It has been drawn to our attention that the new hours — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. — are for the transaction of exchange business. The hours for transaction of public business are as before — from 10—3.

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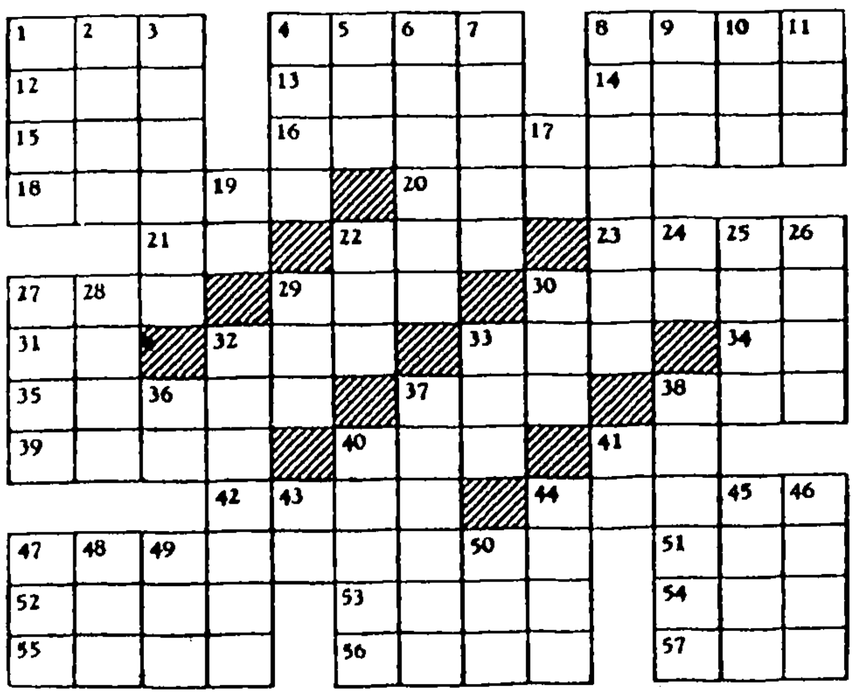

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1 Levantine sailing vessel
4 Venezuelan snake
8 Egyptian deity's crown
12 Norse goddess
13 Pertaining to grandparents
14 Proportion
15 Ancient tribal tax
16 Skilful maneuverer
18 Two-masted vessel
20 Meat dish
21 Exclamation
22 Music; three
23 Gaelic
27 To reimburse
29 Sodium chloride
30 Fisherman's basket
31 Land measure
32 To irritate
33 Plaything
34 Three-toed sloth
35 Pupil in a military school
37 In favour of
38 Bitter vetch
39 Black
40 Confederate general
41 Preposition
42 Story
44 Fat
47 Principal city of Palestine
51 Greek letter
52 Armadillo
53 Nothing more than
54 Tibetan gazelle
55 Ceremony
56 Isles off Ireland
57 Distant

VERTICAL
1 Part of body connecting the head with the trunk
2 Ireland
3 Foamy
4 Slat
5 Eggs
6 French tragedienne
7 Communion table
8 Art of shooting with the bow
9 Indo-Chinese language
10 Greek letter
11 Marsh
17 Exists
19 Symbol for calcium
22 Impost
24 Concerning
25 To burn
26 Ancient European country
27 Stride
28 Street urchin
29 To place
30 Centre
32 Undertaking
33 Digit
36 To act
37 Insect's antenna
38 Power
40 Beast of burden
41 Siberian river
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44 Sign
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49 Rodent
50 Period of time

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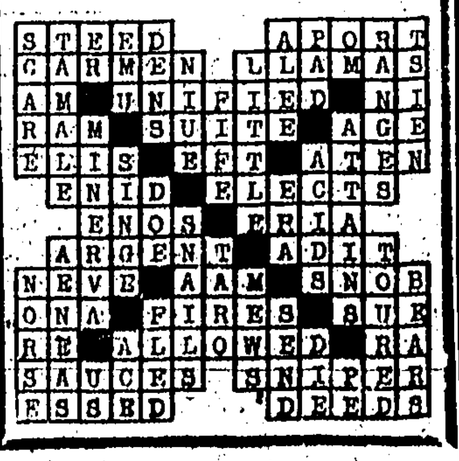

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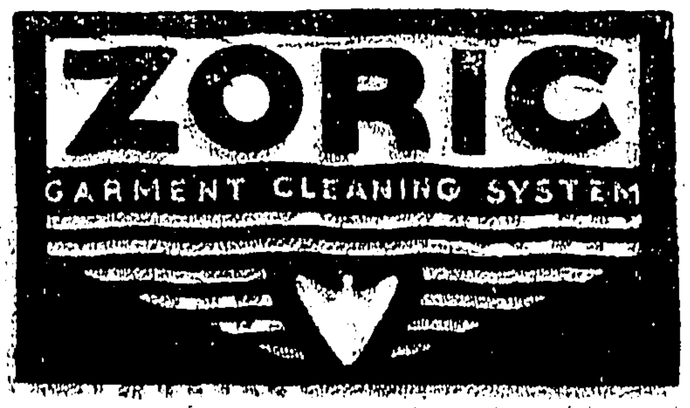

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WHERE ENGLAND IS THERE IS VICTORY

MR. HUGH DALTON, Minister of Economic Warfare, speaking yesterday at a luncheon given by the First Artillery Detachment of the First Czechoslovak Brigade, said: "I remember President Benes saying to me in 1934, when Hitler's blood-stained hands had held power for a year, that "if war should come I know that where England is there is victory."

"I recalled those words with a sense of shame in September, 1938. I recall them now with a thrill of pride.

"I have seen to-day some of the Czechoslovak troops, sturdy and resolute, who will play their part in winning the war and liberating their countrymen from the bestial German tyranny which to-day holds them in its grip.

"After you regained freedom in 1918 you tasted 20 years of freedom and achieved great things in many fields. You set a civilised example which our German enemies of to-day might well have followed.

"Your freedom and your right to live your own national life shall be restored to you in the new Europe of to-morrow.

"But in that new Europe, as the bitter history of many generations shows, no state can safely stand alone, least of all if it has the Germans for neighbours.

Federal Structure

"I wish therefore to congratulate most warmly President Benes and General Ankornki on the intimate collaboration of the Czechoslovak and Polish Governments. A close Polish-Czechoslovak union would not only have great value in itself but might become the nucleus of a much wider federal structure in central Europe."—British Wireless.

EX-M.P. OF 73 KILLED

While standing against an electrically-driven winch in Sunderland, Sir Luke Thompson, a former M.P., who was 73, was drawn into the machinery and was killed instantly.

The accident occurred in a yard of his company, John Thompson and Sons, coal merchants. The winch had attached to it a wire cable used for hauling coal wagons, and Sir Luke's coat was caught.

Sir Luke represented Sunderland as a Conservative from 1922 to 1929 and from 1931 until his retirement in 1935.

Knighted in 1934, he was chairman of the Sunderland Conservative Association and had been chairman of the northern group of National M. P.s in which capacity he pressed on the Government the claims of the Special Areas of the North-East.

A few years ago Sir Luke and Lady Thompson narrowly escaped death when their car rolled down an embankment.

CLAIMANTS DON'T KNOW THEIR ONIONS

Seventy applications have been received from all over the country for a 14lb. bag of onions which could not be delivered because the address label had become detached, states a General Post Office announcement, quoted in the Ministry of Information bulletin.

The bag of precious vegetables is in the returned letter section at Mount Pleasant sorting office.

The office where the onions were originally handed in has been discovered to be in Buckinghamshire, and this has made it easy to eliminate the majority of the claimants from places 100 miles distant.

Within the next few days it is hoped that a woman in a Surrey village will receive a welcome call from the postman when she is handed her delayed present.

FIJIANS FOR R.A.F.

TWENTY-THREE YOUNG MEN FROM FIJI, INCLUDING THE SON OF A LEADING CHIEF, HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR TRAINING WITH THE R.A.F. THEY WILL SOON PROCEED TO R.A.F. STATIONS OVERSEAS.

After the Fijians had obtained permission last year to raise and equip a token force of 100 men for service overseas it was decided they could better be used if they remained with the Fiji Forces for defence of the island. The partial reversal of this decision has caused great satisfaction to the Colony's young men who will soon be taking part in R.A.F. exploits. —British Wireless.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

The court-martial in which Pte. David Fleming, of the Royal Scots, was charged with being drunk and with disorderly conduct during a first division league football match was concluded this morning after a speech by "Prisoner's Friend."

The court quickly returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The court-martial was held at Murray Barracks, with a court composed of Major J. M. Browning, Rajputana Rifles, Captain A. O. G. Mills, R.A., and Lieut. Willoughby, Middlesex Regiment.

Captain H. C. Harland, Royal Scots, was prosecuting officer, while Lieut. C. R. Jones, Royal Scots, defended.

TOKYO PARLEYS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Four Indo-China Government representatives will leave Hanoi by air on Wednesday for Tokyo to participate in the new discussions concerning a formal Thailand-Indo-China Agreement. — International News Service.

SORRY PLIGHT OF ITALIANS

The Belgrade correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," in a message tells of the pitiable condition of wounded Italian soldiers who have returned from the Albanian front to their homes in Northern Italy.

Quoting well-informed people who have returned from Italy, he says:

"The plight of the troops bears witness to the still disorganised state of the counter-offensive intended to check the Greeks.

"An extremely large proportion of the casualties have lost limbs. Many of these men saw no fighting whatever, but were so severely frozen in the bitter mountain weather that it was necessary to amputate their limbs.

"It is presumed that Italian hospitals in Bari and Brindisi must be filled to overflowing, because many of the wounded are arriving in the Northern Adriatic ports bearded and dirty and without having changed their uniforms since they left Albania.

"Relatives of the wounded were sharp in their criticism when they found that in many cases bandages had not been changed since the wounded men left the front-line.

"One seriously wounded officer had been carried for three days on mule back through mountains and then spent a day crossing the Adriatic and two days travelling up the coast by railroad without medical treatment or change of uniform.

"Until the arrival of these wounded, the extent of the Italian setback was little known in Northern Adriatic cities."

TWO SISTERS DIE TOGETHER

THE MYSTERY OF THE DEATH OF TWO ELDERLY SISTERS, THE MISSES MARY AND ANN CORBY, AGED 72 AND 60, AT THEIR HOME IN HITHER GREEN-LANE LEWISHAM, IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY SCOTLAND YARD.

When their home was entered they were found dead in the dining-room. One was lying on the floor in front of the fireplace, and the other on a settee. They were fully dressed. A preliminary examination showed no signs of violence.

The sisters had not been seen for several days. They owned property in the district.

CAPRONI BOMBER OVER NAIROBI —IN OUR HANDS

THE ONLY Italian bomber to fly over Nairobi, states the Air Ministry news service, did so the other day piloted by a South African Air Force pilot.

As the aircraft, a Caproni 133, circled over the town, the Italian marking, a white cross on the tail, was easily discernible but no air raid warning was sounded, for on the fuselage and wings were roundels bearing the colours of the S.A.A.F.

The Caproni, a three-engined monoplane, had been flown 650 miles from Mogadiscio, where it was left by the Italians in the process of overhaul when they made a hurried departure.

"The engines," said one of the crew, "had apparently just been put back as they were loosely bolted down. Other parts, which had been taken off the aircraft for inspection, were found near at hand.

It was clear the Italians had downed tools suddenly and fled. We walked in and completed the overhaul."

A mechanic with ten year's experience described the Capronis' superstructure as primitive. He added that although the general performance of the aircraft was not good it was particularly steady in the air.

The Caproni was flown to Nairobi by a lieut-colonel of the S.A.A.F. who was awarded the D.F.C. some months ago. — British Wireless.

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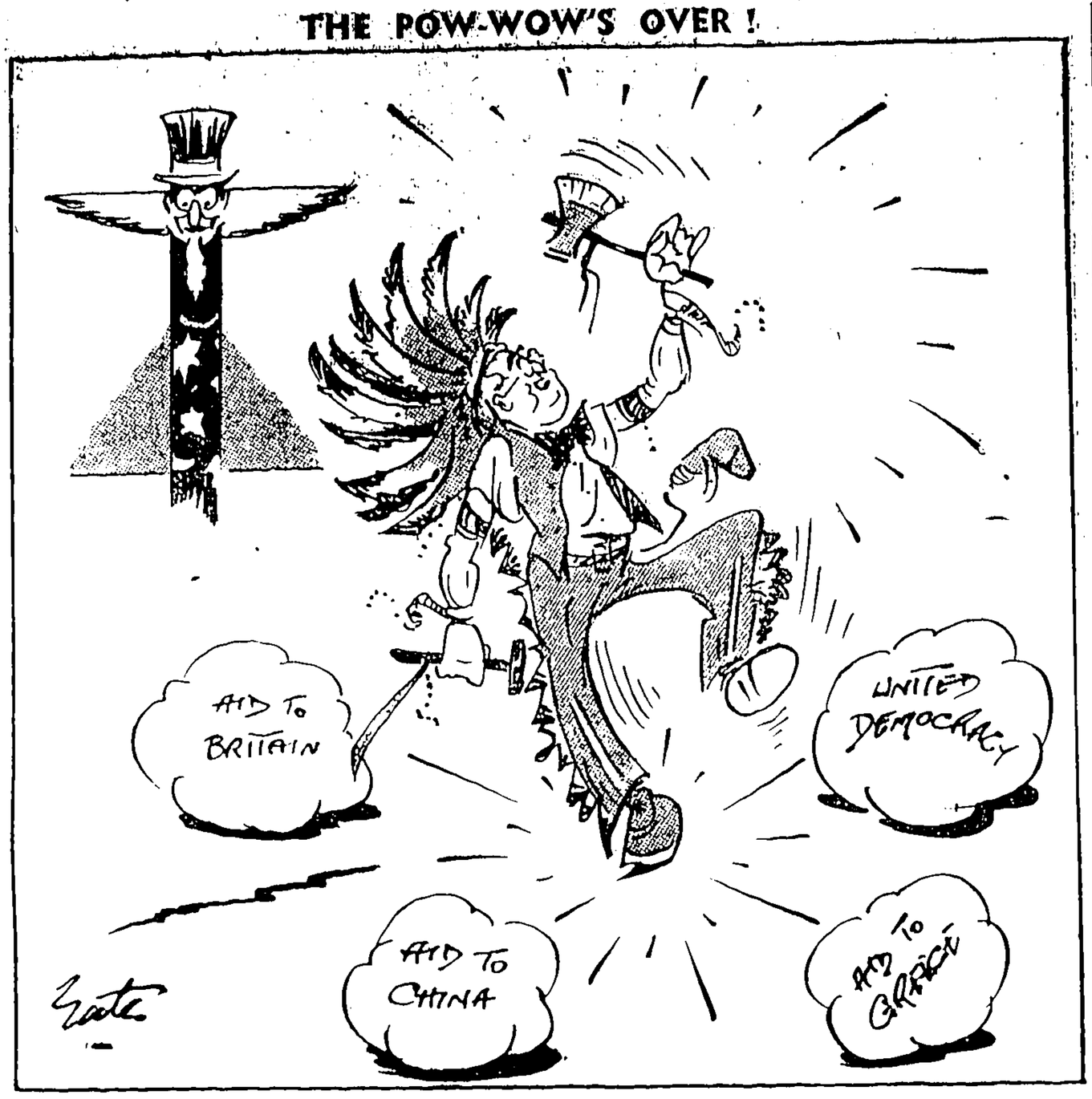
MUSSOLINI'S RASH ADVENTURE

It looks as though it may be the supreme irony for Mussolini to have directed personally the military operation which turned into the debacle which promises to seal Italy's vassaldom to Herr Hitler. Fifty thousand casualties were suffered in the furious seven-day offensive on the short Tepelini front; fifty thousand men sacrificed to Il Duce's personal prestige; 15,000 dead that Mussolini might turn to Hitler and reclaim full partnership status. It is in the true order of things, according to Nemesis, that the gigantic effort should have failed ignominously, and that because his power of inspiration was committed, Il Duce's state is worse than his first. The prospect for Italy now is the most unhappy one, for more than ever the Italian people are thrust back upon the gratitude of Hitler. And how much that gratitude is worth they can learn from the fate of Fritz Thyssen and scores of others without whom Hitler's rise would not have been possible.

Mussolini, meantime, proceeds towards a fate marked out for him by a study of great historical figures of the past obsessed by similar ambitions. How hard it is for a man to escape from his past! Il Duce illustrates again the difficulty of acting upon the Greek maxim "Acquire a competence and then practise virtue." Mussolini had acquired a competence and he seemed to be in an excellent position for practising virtue. He had achieved a great success; his rule was established; if he had gradually relaxed his grip and continued a policy of material development he might have gone down in history, in spite of his crimes against liberty, as a man with some constructive ideas to his credit. But the instincts that had guided him in his unscrupulous career were too strong: the flattery in which he basked was too disturbing to his balance; not content with his triumph, he dreamt of resounding glory as a conqueror. In consequence, whereas at one time he held the balance in Europe, he has no hope of survival to-day except as Hitler's puppet.

THE POW-WOW'S OVER !



A New Era

Three points stand out to-day in the war position. One is President Roosevelt's "lease or lend" bill. Another is the beginning of a British and Allied air offensive in Europe by daylight. The third is the declaration by General Smuts, Prime Minister of the South African Union, that the enemy must be cleared out of Africa and that South Africa has dedicated herself to this task.

President Roosevelt's bill strikes British observers as epoch-making in the true sense of the term. It may prove to have inaugurated a new era in the political, economic and, above all, financial relations between freedom-loving democratic peoples. It seems to foreshadow cooperation and interdependence among nations which cherish similar political ideals, and a pooling of their resources for a common purpose. The Nazi and Fascist systems have aimed at economic and financial self-sufficiency, or "autarky," for the purpose of waging aggressive predatory war. The "leave or lend" principle accepts cooperation among democratic countries for resistance to aggression in the first instance and, perhaps, for the work of constructive peace in the second. This is what gives it an epoch-making character.

To its night-bombing operations the Royal Air Force has now added heavy daylight raids upon enemy aerodromes and other military targets. These daylight raids are a new feature in the war position. They amount to a determined offensive against the enemy. Since Hitler's mighty air offensives against England were smashed last summer and autumn by British Hurricanes and Spitfires, there had been no large operations by daylight in Western Europe. Mr. Winston Churchill predicted some months ago that in 1941 we should gain mastery in the air. Many people now ask whether these daylight raids indicate that the Commanders of the British and Allied Air Force feel they have already begun to attain mastery in the air.

Whether or not this conclusion is warranted, I think the daylight offensive means that our numerical strength in aircraft and pilots is now great enough to allow us to run to risks that are more serious in air fighting by day than they are by night. In the past we have held our own against a numerically stronger enemy by the superior quality of our machines and the superior skill of their crews. Mr. Churchill's phrase: "Never in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few" will stand as a merited tribute to our comparatively small Air Force last year. But because our first-line machines and high-skilled pilots were then comparatively few, the strain upon them was severe. It would have been wrong to risk them in daylight offensives while they were still comparatively few. The fact that they are now being risked in daylight offensives seems to suggest that they are no longer few but are becoming many.

It must be remembered that the Royal Air Force though British is not only British. In it Polish, Czechoslovak, Free French, Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian airmen play their part besides Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians and volunteer airmen from the United States. It is widely looked upon as the nucleus of the international air force of the future that will help to keep the peace when Nazi and Fascist aggression has been crushed. Like President Roosevelt's "lease or lend" bill it is truly epoch-making.

Epoch-making, too, is General Smuts' vision of the future of Africa. This African continent of ours, he said, must be rendered safe for the young democratic communities of the future which are setting up house within it.

South Africans are helping to restore the Emperor Haile Selassie to his native land. Australians broke through the Italian defences in Cyrenaica. No British Government could have commanded them or the Canadians or the New Zealanders to fight in our cause. They came of their own free will. They will expect, and will have, a voice in the making of a democratic peace from which the very possibility of aggressive war will be removed.

Communal Life

By H. N. Brailsford

War has this compensation: that it smashes individualist traditions and compels men to realise that they form a community. A most promising development has been the growth of communal meals.

The Ministry of Food is not hampered by a venerable past: a jungle of red-tape requires several decades to reach maturity. Under Lord Woolton, with only a handful of civil servants on the staff, it has shown both enterprise and fresh thinking.

The gigantic task of controlling the import, storage and distribution of food for the whole population might well have occupied all its energies. But since the aerial Blitzkrieg grew serious, it has had to concern itself with the provision of communal cooked meals.

Mr. Bevin saw the need for maintaining the health and cheerfulness of the munition workers, toiling in peril and under excessive strain. The children and mothers evacuated to the country from dangerous areas had to be cared for.

In Coventry and other stricken towns where the housewife was for a time without water, electricity or gas, even when her house was undamaged, neighbouring cities and the Army rushed to the spot with their mobile kitchens and canteens. Finally, all over the country, certain categories of wage-earners together with the old-age pensioners presented the most difficult problem of all. While the cost of living has risen steeply, their incomes have stood still.

The Ministry has followed the usual English technique. It has not attempted to create a centralised machine, but it required and stimulated and helped the local authorities to act.

Every factory with a staff of 200 employees is now required to provide a canteen for its workers. Some supply hot meals at a low charge (10d. or 1s.) in cheerful surroundings: others do the minimum and sell only sandwiches and cakes with tea or hot soup.

Where they notoriously fail, the local authority steps in.

Happily the local authority usually had a nucleus which it could expand. Thanks to the provision of cheap meals to children in elementary schools, a staff of capable and enthusiastic teachers of domestic economy was available to direct the many willing volunteers, and behind them was an adequate experience of buying food in bulk. To extend this system to children in secondary schools and to the evacuees was fairly easy. The really exciting adventure began only a few weeks ago, with the opening all over the country in the poorer districts of municipal restaurants for the workers. The Ministry offered the necessary equipment free, and some of it has been manufactured by mass production to its orders. These meals are open to all.

"What," the reader may ask, "does private enterprise say, when a municipality offers at 6d. a better meal than it would sell at 1s. 3d. or 1s. 6d.?" So far the answer is easy. These public restaurants have as yet been opened only in districts so poor that they would not tempt a profiteering concern.

"But," said I to one of the men who inspired this scheme; "when people throughout the city realise what you are doing, will they not flock to your communal meals?" "I hope so," said he. "And won't you have to expand?" Again he hoped so.

"And must not a system so beneficent become permanent?" Once more he had hopes.

I chose the shattered riverside area of East London for a visit of exploration. Many streets, oddly enough the main thoroughfares, are nearly normal and thronged with traffic. Behind them may lie a stretch of several acres where nothing remains but tangled ruins. Around such areas stretch mean little streets of two-storeyed buildings, whose walls look intact, but on a closer view the windows gape open and some of the woodwork is charred.

Amid this devastation I first visited an elementary school—the laboratory of the whole rapidly expanding system. The kitchen was spacious and spotlessly clean and the women in it worked quietly and with method. A happy buzz of talk came from the classrooms where the children were at dinner. They drank from pleasantly coloured mugs which, like the gaily coloured table-cloths had been specially designed and manufactured for these schools. The food was wholesome and well cooked and an ample meal cost the incredible sum of 3d. Any child could ask for a second portion and more than half of them did so.

In another school over two hundred adults dined daily and in a third over five hundred. The usual landscape with its many varieties of devastation, some brutal and some fantastic, lay around them. One of these schools had been struck in the terrific raids of that memorable first week-end of September. Every window was shattered and when Miss Anderson, the manager of the whole enterprise, a woman who evidently knows how to organise and also how to win the devotion of all who serve under her, visited it at 6 a.m., it had neither gas, water nor electricity. The engineers wrought miracles under the stimulus of her determination and by noon the first cooked dinners were ready as usual.

A long line of men and women, with the men predominating, were buying their tickets as I entered. It was a cold raw day and many looked tired and a few were dirty. Where in this devastation can they wash? Most of them sleep in shelters, some of them on the bunks which Mr. Morrison has provided, but some still on the ground. I could sense in my own body their feeling of ease and relief as they entered the warm and friendly room and surveyed what they might choose for 6d. You can buy for this sum one of three dishes of meat and vegetables and one of three sweets. The quantity was generous; the quality all one could ask, and once more the kitchen was a model of cleanliness and order. Best of all there was an atmosphere of kindliness and respect. Free citizens were helping one another to live while all, men and women together, faced the common danger. The usual cheap restaurant run for profit is incomparably less pleasant and less efficient, and its staff is sweated to the bone.

The economics of this new municipal venture belong to the improvisations of wartime. The charge of 6d. covers the cost of the food bought in bulk. The Borough gives free the building, the electric current and the services of the staff, but even if a charge were made hereafter for these overheads, a fantastically cheap meal could still be provided at 8d.

Many of the social gains of the last war, the admirable controls of foods and raw materials for example, were lost when the profiteers assailed them, because they had worked invisibly and the average man never knew what he gained. But his senses tell him all he need know about socialised meals. As I journeyed home through a city still, after months of battering, mainly intact, I wondered will any poet ever adequately sing the devotion of its common people—the boys who defend its liberty in the air, the women who know what community means, and the stoical endurance of these dockers who work all day in peril and sleep in squalor under arches?

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'BAD CASE OF COMMERCIAL ROGUERY': LEGAL ISSUE DECISION

WRITTEN JUDGMENT was delivered by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Chan Chai-sheung, manager of the Kin On Firm, was convicted of having in his possession for sale a mixture of saccharin and alum to which a false trade description had been applied, namely that the mixture was saccharin manufactured by W. S. Shirley & Company.

Mr. D. H. Blake was for the prosecution, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks for the defence.

The accused was fined $1,000 or three months' simple imprisonment, and ordered to pay $300 towards the cost of the prosecution.

The following was the judgment:

This is a case of some interest and importance.

There were two summonses, the first under the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ord. (No. 8 of 1935) the second under the Merchandise Marks Ord. (No. 4 of 1890). The first summons was dismissed during the proceedings and is of no further concern.

At the close of the prosecution, on the second day of the hearing, Mr. Brooks submitted that Sec. 3 S.S.5 of the Ordinance had not been complied with. He was right.

There had been a preliminary discussion between the parties as to hearing and certain amendments and the necessary information to the defendant or his solicitor as to his right to trial on indictment had not been given.

Mr. Brooks further submitted that this ended the proceedings and cited R. v. Cockshott 1898 1 Q.B. 542. Mr. Blake, for the complainant, did not traverse the submission and the summons was dismissed.

Subsequently, having had an opportunity of looking at the authorities, I came to the conclusion that my decision was wrong and I re-opened the case under Sec. 99 S.S. 5 of the Magistrates Ordinance (No. 41 of 1932).

Reopening Opposed

Mr. Brooks opposed the reopening on two grounds. First he said the defendant had been acquitted and could not be tried again for the same offence, and cited **Haynes v Davies 1915 1 K.B. 332**; secondly, he submitted that I had no jurisdiction to re-open the matter under Sec. 99 (5) because the jurisdiction to do so depended upon the words "power to determine in a summary way" and that by reason of Sec. 3 S.S. 5 there was no power to determine the matter in a summary way.

I overruled these two submissions. Mr. Brooks then applied that subject to his rights up to and including the dismissal of the summons that the evidence already taken be treated as the evidence for the prosecution and put in as such and not to be taken over again de novo as I held he was entitled if he wished. The contents of Sec. 3 S.S. 5 were formally complied with. Mr. Brooks did not want and never had wanted a trial on indictment.

On Mr. Brooks' first point, I readily agree with him that no man can be put in peril twice for the same matter. If he is, he can raise the plea in bar of autrefois acquit which Mr. Brooks has raised. The question as to whether such plea is valid depends always upon whether the defendant has been in peril or not.

R. v. Cockshott (supra) is a decision on Sec. 17 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1879, which section is of the same effect as Sec. 3 S.S. 5 of the Merchandise Marks Ordinance. In that case the defendant was not informed of his right to be tried on indictment, he was convicted by the justices and his conviction was quashed on appeal because he had not been so informed. That case is a clear authority that if the present case had proceeded and the defendants had been convicted, the convictions would have been quashed on appeal; but the defendants were not convicted, the proceedings terminated at the close of the prosecution.

Haynes Case

Haynes v. Davies (supra) relied on by Mr. Brooks, was a case under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1899. Sec. 19 S.S.2 of the Act provides "In any prosecution under this Act . . . there must be served therewith a copy of any analyst's certificate obtained on behalf of the Prosecution." Here the appellant Haynes had been served with a summons under the Act. On the case coming on for hearing, the magistrate was informed that no certificate of analysis had been served with summons in accordance with sec. 19 S.S.2. He thereupon dismissed the summons. A fresh summons on the same facts was taken out. The magistrate held that Haynes had not been in peril on the first summons and convicted him. Haynes appealed. The King's Bench Division by a majority upheld the contention of autrefois acquit and quashed the conviction.

It seems to me that Haynes v. Davies has little bearing on the present case. It will be noted that both Ridley J. and Avory J. were careful to point out that the omission to serve the certificate was a matter of procedure only, which could be waived, and that the magistrate had jurisdiction unless objection to the informality was taken. In the present case the defendants have an absolute statutory direction that they be informed of their right, which, it seems, cannot be waived (Cockshott's case, supra), and if not given invalidates the subsequent summary proceedings (Archbold 30th Edn. at p. 9).

In my opinion Davies v. Morton 1913 2 K.B. 479 is more in point. In this case the defendant was summoned under the Betting Act of 1853. He was not informed of his right to trial on indictment and as in the present case the omission was not discovered until the proceedings were well under way. The solicitor for the respondent with the consent of the justices withdrew the summons—the solicitor for the appellant opposing such withdrawal. The Justices held that the withdrawal did not invalidate a subsequent conviction. The King's Bench Division upheld the Justices and dismissed the appeal.

Withdrawal And Dismissal

It is true that in this case the proceedings were withdrawn and not dismissed. In his short judgment, Avory J. deals with this aspect and says: "I agree that the withdrawal of the summons in the particular circumstances of this case did not amount to a dismissal or an acquittal. Even if it did, as the justices had no jurisdiction to hear and determine the summons, their decision could not be pleaded in bar to subsequent proceedings."

There are numerous references to the subject in the text books.

Paley on Summary Conviction 9th Edn. 169. states "The true test to show that such previous acquittal is a bar, is whether the evidence necessary to support the second proceedings would have been sufficient to procure a legal conviction on the first. If however, by reason of some defect in the record, either in the indictment, place of trial, process or the like, the accused was not lawfully liable to suffer judgment for the offence charged, the formed proceedings will be no bar. Lush J. in his dissenting judgment in Haynes Davies (Supra) at Page 338 Cites Russell on Crimes "A man is in jeopardy if

(1) The Court was competent to try him for the offence
(2) The Trial was upon a good indictment in which a valid judgment of conviction could be entered
(3) The acquittal was on the merits i.e. by verdict on the trial or in summary cases by dismissal on the merits, followed by a judgment or order of acquittal.

Chitty on Criminal Law, an old authority, (1826) Vol I P.454 states the proposition thus "The point in discussion always is whether in fact the defendant could have taken a fatal exception to the former indictment, for if he could, no acquittal will avail him.

Defence Fails

On these authorities it seems to me that the defence of autrefois convict fails. I do not think that in the first proceedings the defendants ever were in peril. These proceedings were bad from beginning to end, at any time from the time of plea the defendants could have said "We have not been given our statutory rights. We have had no opportunity to be tried by a jury if we so desire and therefore the Court has no jurisdiction." They could if they had wished, allowed the case to proceed to conviction and raise the objection in the Court of Appeal, whereupon the conviction would inevitably be quashed. In these circumstances it is to my mind impossible to say that they had been in peril.

With regard to Mr. Brooks' second point under S.99 (5) of the Magistrate's Ordinance, the meaning of the section appears to depend on the particular facts of each case as to whether or not the magistrate has power to determine the matter in a summary way. In the present case, Mr. Brooks, as he had said, never had any intention of having the case tried otherwise than summarily from which, in my opinion it must follow that the Court had power so to deal with it.

The Facts

As to the facts, the defendants had in their possession for sale tins purporting to contain saccharin manufactured by Messrs. Shirley & Co. which in fact contained approximately 2/3 of saccharin and 1/3 of alum. The complainant proved the existence of a workshop in Kowloon where these tins were opened - 1/3 of the saccharin extracted and alum substituted, resealed, sent to Hong Kong and offered for sale by the Kin On Firm.

I accept the evidence of the complainant in its entirety, and reject the only defence raised that of innocence which is supported by evidence demonstrably false.

I think the complainant has established beyond all doubt that the manager and members of the Kin On Firm were actively and knowingly engaged in this fraudulent business. It is a thoroughly bad case of commercial roguery, which of undiscovered might has done incalculable harm to the reputation of Messrs. Shirley & Co. It is a thoroughly bad case of commercial roguery.

SHANGHAI'S EFFORT WITH DOLLAR AT 3D.

Thanks largely to a last-minute effort, the required sum of £10,000 for the month ending March 15 was again raised by the British War Fund in Shanghai and remitted to the Treasury in London.

This remittance brings the total remitted to date to £122,000.—Reuter.

Fines of $50 were imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning on Yau Hung, 26, and Siu Lam-chai, 22, who were caught outside the Pei Ho Theatre yesterday afternoon selling tickets.

YUGOSLAVIA REJECTS GERMAN PROPOSALS

Hitler's Plans Run Into Setback

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE ARE AUTHENTIC INDICATIONS THAT GERMAN PLANS HAVE MET SOME SETBACK IN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE FIRST CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN TO SLOW DOWN WHATEVER ACTION GERMANY MAY HAVE CONTEMPLATED AGAINST GREECE.

Germany's primary aim of securing the right of transit through the Vardar Valley, and the second alternative of securing Yugoslavia's benevolent non-belligerency by joining the Axis Pact, both seem to have been resolutely resisted.

Even a concentration of 60,000 Italian troops on the Dalmatian frontier has not made Belgrade more tractable.

IT IS NOT SURPRISING IF GERMANY IS NOT DISPOSED TO EMBARK UPON A MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE WITH NON-BELLIGERENT YUGOSLAVIA AS A POTENTIAL MENACE TO HER LONG LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

In face of the setback to the desperate Italian offensive in Albania, however, Hitler must act quickly if his help is to save Mussolini from as big a disaster in Albania as he met in Libya.

Vulnerable Position

The Italian armies must be in a very vulnerable position after their great losses and it is only to be expected that the Greeks and the R.A.F. will exploit the opportunities of the situation.

Meanwhile, Sir Ronald Campbell, British Minister in Belgrade, had a long interview with M. Tsvetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, yesterday, states a Belgrade despatch to the German news agency.—Reuter.

IDES OF MARCH FOR HITLER

Commenting on President Roosevelt's speech, the "Manchester Guardian" said that the prediction that the Ides of March might be the days of supreme importance for the Axis has turned out to be accurate for sounds across the Atlantic are rumbling like the march of the Roman Legion.

President Roosevelt offers to the Old World more than Canning offered to the New World.

It is not Hitler but Roosevelt who makes the real revolution that will affect the world as the world was affected by the French Revolution. This new revolution will establish international co-operation.

Events have taught nations with great strength, who were slow to accept the responsibility for sharing the government of the world, not to repeat the same error. Only by the cooperation and leadership of the great Democracies can the world be delivered from exhausting and paralysing fear. President Roosevelt's speech makes that cooperation certain. — Central News.

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MRS. MARSH, PROPRIETRESS OF "KINGSCLERE," CARNARVON ROAD, APPEARED AS THE COMPLAINANT BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, WHEN NG CHUEN, 24, UNEMPLOYED, WAS CHARGED WITH STEALING AN ELECTRIC MOTOR PUMP.

Accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell, prosecuting, stated that at 3.15 p.m. last Thursday, accused entered the back door of the Hotel, and removed the pump from the yard. He was carrying it through the hall when he was stopped and questioned.

Accused said he had been sent by Dodwell's to take the pump away for repairs.

Enquiries made showed that accused had no connection with the Company.

ARMED NAVAL AID BY U.S. PREDICTED

ACTIVE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT AMERICAN PLEDGES TO BRITAIN MENTIONED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY ARE:—

Firstly, the early release to Britain of a further considerable number of over-age destroyers, and

Secondly, the giving shortly of armed naval aid.

Legislative circles spoke privately but very definitely regarding destroyers, while the naval aid report was given by William Simms, chief writer on foreign affairs in the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

He asserts that armed aid, particularly naval aid, is foreseen as a virtual certainty following the President's speech on Saturday.

MR. SIMMS ADDS IT IS BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON THAT BRITAIN'S HANDS ARE TOO FULL EFFECTIVELY TO FIGHT OFF THE NEW SUBMARINE MENACE, AND A NEW KIND OF HELP FROM AMERICA MAY BECOME VITAL IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENTS THAT AMERICA WOULD NOT CEASE TO AID UNTIL "THE TYRANTS ARE TOTALLY DEFEATED."

Fully qualified observers, Mr. Simms adds, feel that the giving of over-age destroyers and mosquito-boats is only a temporary measure to be followed by intervention by the United States Navy and the transfer of merchant shipping. — Reuter.

For leaving his car, No. 6421, unattended in Salisbury Road, near the Star Ferry, between 1.50 p.m. and 5.25 p.m. on February 21, Mr. E. B Teesdale was fined $5 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

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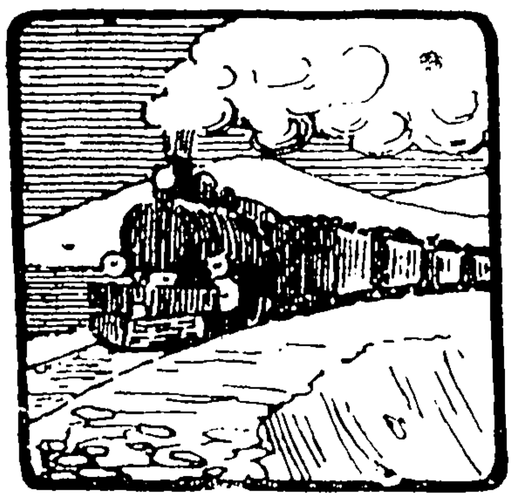

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Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:-

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

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No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

BRIDGE NOTES

An Unusual Bid

By The Four Aces

"This hand stumped us, and for the life of us we can't see how we should bid it," is the plaint of a reader. "Can you advise us"

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

	♠ Q 6 ♡ A J 10 ◇ K Q J 9 8 3 ♣ 7 6	
♠ K 7 5 2 ♡ 9 8 7 ◇ 6 5 2 ♣ Q 8 3	N W E S	♠ 9 8 4 3 ♡ K 6 4 3 2 ◇ A 7 ♣ 5 2
	♠ A J 10 ♡ Q 5 ◇ 10 4 ♣ A K J 10 9 4	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ◇	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

"We got a heart lead, lost the finesse, lost the spade finesse, and had to lose a club and a diamond, too. But three no-trump was cold as the proverbial mackerel. I didn't see how I could bid no-trump with the South cards because I didn't have a stopper in hearts; and North couldn't see how he could bid no-trump with the North cards, because he didn't have a stopper in spades. If either one of us had felt like gambling he could have bid no-trump, I suppose, but that wouldn't be scientific, would it? How would experts get around this?"

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE... 5
KING.. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES AWARDED HAND OR PAIR

Experts have a way of getting to such games scientifically, but before we even describe the method we want to make it plain that only good players can use this method safely. South's second bid, if he were an expert with an expert partner, should be two spades! Then North would bid two no-trump, and South could safely bid three no-trump since his partner guarantees a stopper in hearts by bidding two no-trump.

If North doesn't have a stopper in hearts, he will rebid diamonds, or support clubs or spades. If North raises to three spades, South can go to four clubs safely enough. And if North is enthusiastic enough to jump from two to four spades. South should probably pass and play the hand at that contract. Provided only that North is a good enough player to understand that two spades is a very strong bid, there can be little harm in using this rather unusual bid.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 3
♡ Q 10 8
◇ J 10 8 4
♣ K 10 7 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Jacoby	You
3 ◇	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your length in diamonds makes it seem likely that your partner wanted to be taken out of this double; but your flat distribution and general strength suit your hand much better to defence than to offence.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 667

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 8 2
♡ K 7 4
◇ A 5
♣ A J 9 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
Pass	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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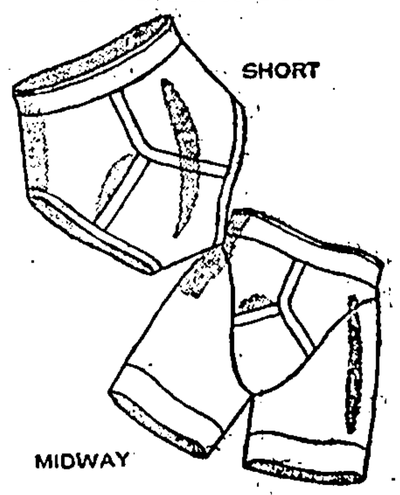

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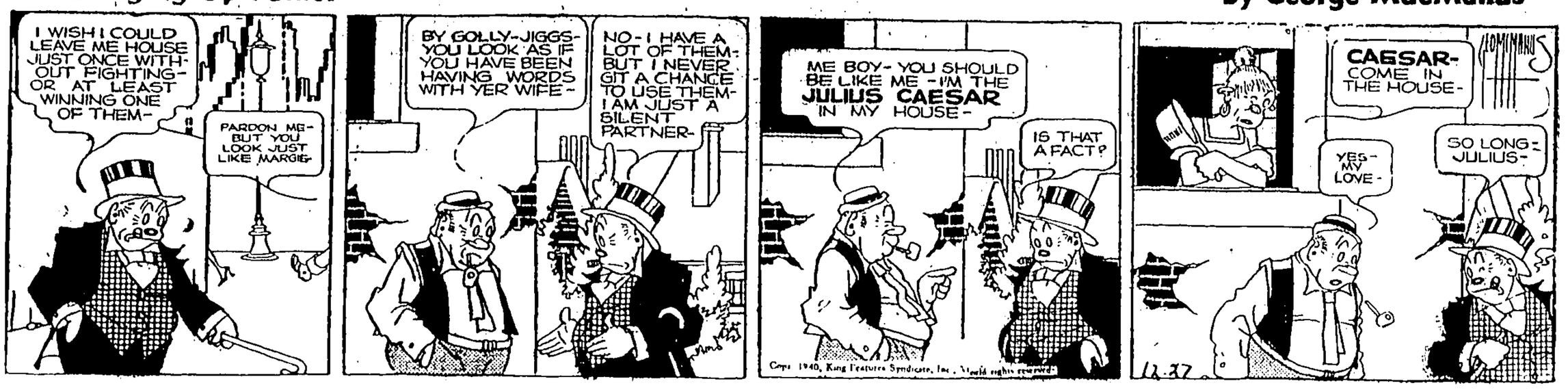

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Prepare For Radiant Spring

In general, good health habits result in good health and normal beauty. Bad health habits result in sickness, unhappiness and ruined beauty. So it does pay to adopt a health routine and to stick to it

If you hope to meet the spring in good health and with a buoyancy you must work in March and April. Two months is but a brief period to compensate for several months of health indifference. Daily you must exercise for at least fifteen or twenty minutes. If you haven't been exercising begin with limbering and stretching movements and then continue with the more strenuous refashioning exercises. Drink plenty of water every day, eat well planned meals at regular hours, get sufficient rest. It might be a splendid thing for you to have your annual physical examination and visit to your dentist. Get busy and renovate yourself so come spring you can meet it with beauty and pep.

Gale Storm limbers at home. From this position she rises and throws her arms outward. Repeat exercise bending knees alternatively.

Avoid Fatigue

"Overfatigue," as one doctor puts it, is caused by the lack of an organised daily programme, which should allow for regular periods of rest as well as for work. Thus the strain of modern, hectic living is reduced and permits a woman to meet new demands on her energy with refreshed body and mind.

To avoid overfatigue lighten your daily programme as much as possible. Don't clutter up your time with unnecessaries. Don't rush about and fret, and worry about people and things which can get along without your fussing. Learn to say "No," to some demands on your time. Be selfish insofar as you reserve some time for a few breaths of fresh air and a few hours for relaxation. Once you get wound up and going in circles, so to speak, it is difficult to let up and relax.

If you find yourself keyed up and nervous take ten minutes out for relaxing exercises. Then lie flat on the floor or on other hard surface for five minutes. Forget everything. Make your mind a blank and when you get up count up to ten slowly before you again begin your tasks.

Some women, it is true, have too much to do and no means of being helped. But legion are the women who make work for themselves and others. In a scatterbrained manner they go about doing things the hard way and use twice the energy their tasks actually required. To such women my advice is to let everything go for two days except the vitally necessary tasks. They should pretend they are very ill and just sit back. To their amazement they will find that the world goes on as usual without their hectic dashing about! During their rest hours of those two days they should frankly reorganise their daily programmes and determine to save their strength and allow more time for good health habits.

We Want To Help

If you follow this column regularly you will be given beneficial exercises to practice, you will learn valuable facts about planning menus, and as many beauty hints as your heart desires. It is our job to help you to be healthy and beautiful and we want to help you give yourself a sporting chance!

Chicken Fricassee *and Dumplings with* Mushroom Sauce

by Dorothy Greig

CHICKEN fricassee is a comfortable family sort of dish. When it comes to the table, the glistening chicken pieces so tender the meat parts from the bones with a fork, surrounded by thickened gravy and topped with feathery dumplings, then gather around. For here is savory eating

Especially is it good fixed this new way. We use condensed cream of mushroom soup to add its creaminess and mushroom flavor to the already deep chicken flavor of the gravy

Fricassee of Chicken and Dumplings with Mushroom Sauce

1 fowl (4-5 pounds)
1 slice onion, carrot and stalk of celery
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Wash fowl and cut into pieces; place in stewing kettle with slice of onion, carrot and stalk of celery, add water to half cover (about 1½ quarts) and simmer slowly. When chicken is half-cooked, add the salt and pepper. Cook slowly for one and a half to two hours or until fowl is tender

Dumplings for Fricassee

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons shortening

Sift the flour and measure. Then combine flour, salt and baking powder and sift again. Cut in the shortening and then stir in the milk to form a medium soft dough. It may not be necessary to use the entire cup of milk. Drop the dumplings from a teaspoon on top of the chicken in the stew. Cover tightly and steam for 12-15 minutes.

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can chicken stock from fricassee

Combine the cream of mushroom soup with the chicken stock from fricassee (using soup can for a measure). Heat well and pour the sauce over the chicken and dumplings which have been arranged on a platter or chop plate.

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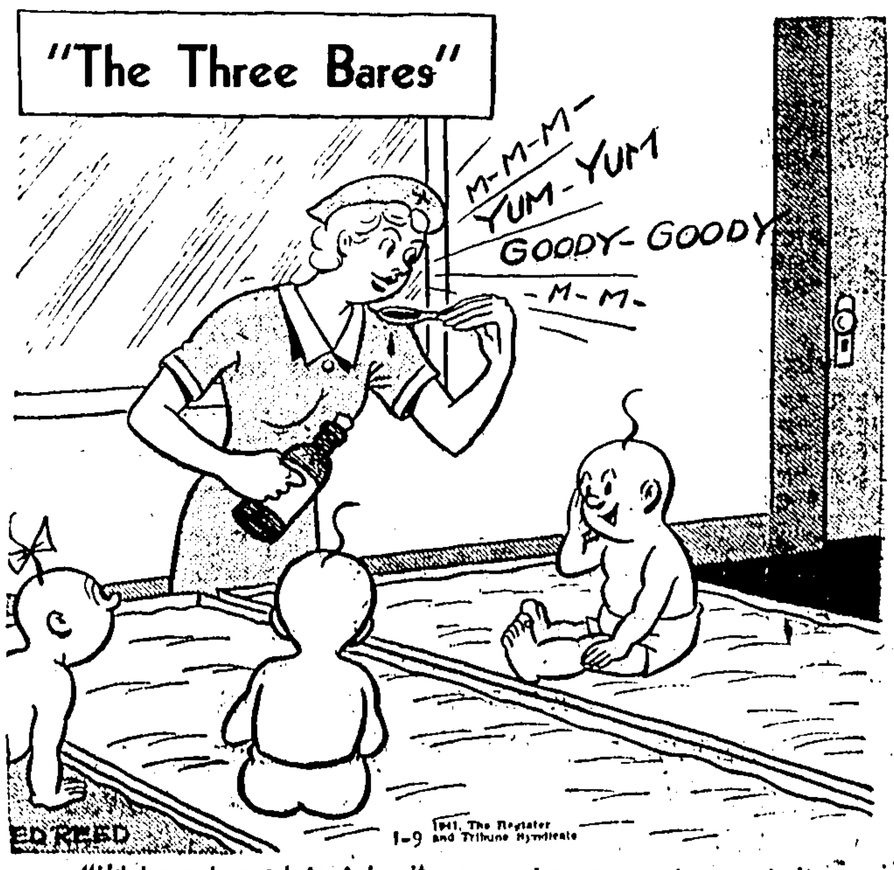

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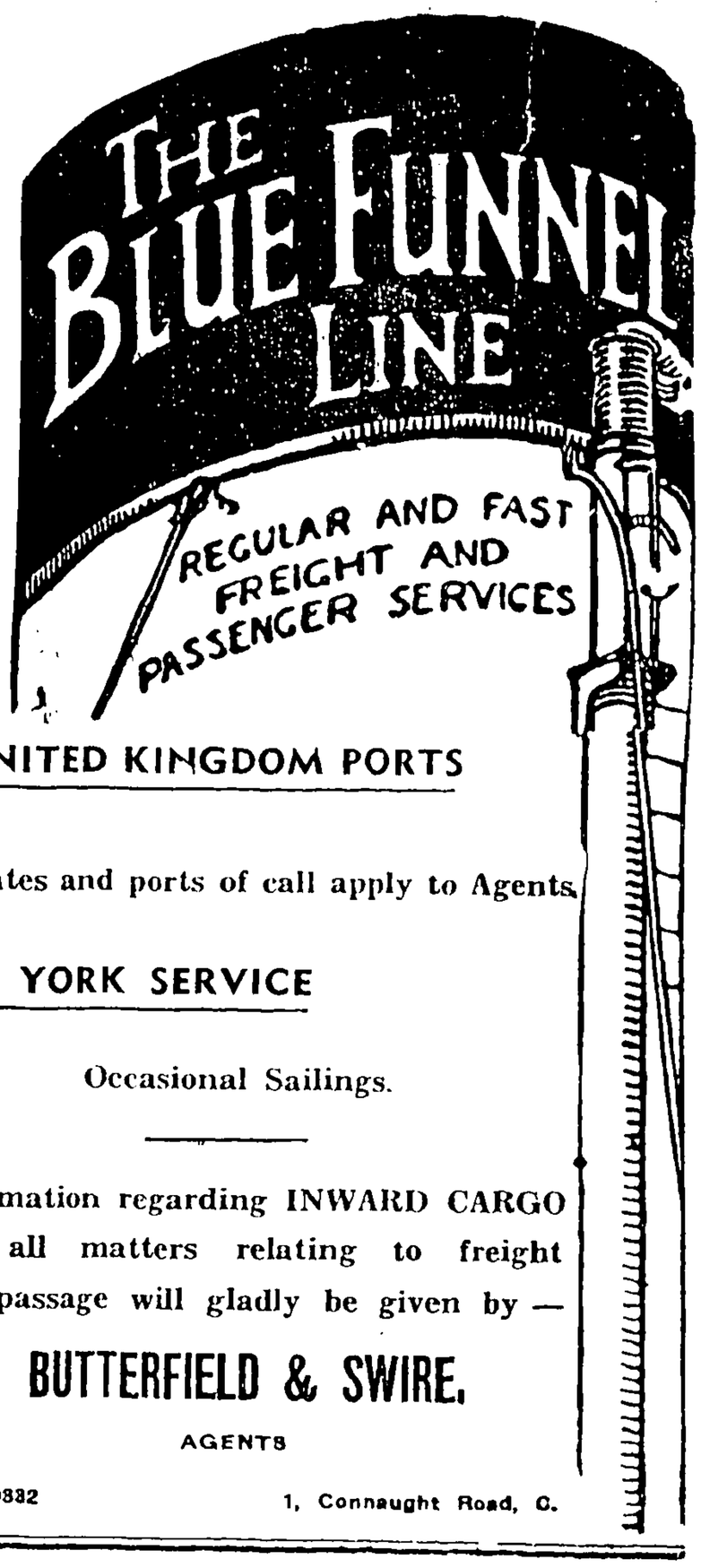

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TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22

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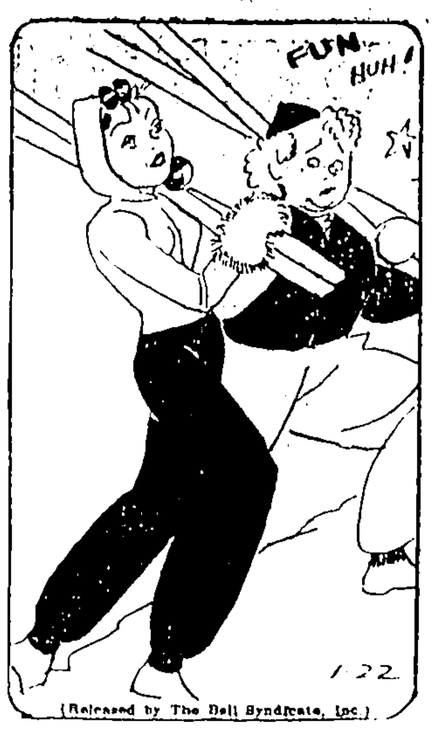
RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin. Cuban Overture....Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Rosa Linda at the Piano; I Got Plenty O' Nuttin' (from 'Porgy & Bess')....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Male Chorus; Second Rhapsody....Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Roy Barby at the Piano. Lullaby; Summertime and the livin' Is easy (from 'Porgy & Bess')....Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Variety with The Hill Billies and Len Fillis.
Vocal—Memories of An Old Cow Hand The Hill Billies; Vocal—My First Thrill (film 'She shall have music') June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra, Hawaiian Guitar Swanee Moon (Towers & Others) Len Fillis with Piano; Vocal—Do The Runaround (film 'She shall have music') June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra, Vocal Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Robison)....The Hill Billies; Accordeon—The Hobgoblins—Polka Walter Porschmann; Vocal—We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton & Rose)....The Hill Billies; Hawaiian Guitar—Waltzing to the Guitar—Medley. Intro: Destiny; Missouri; I Love the Moon, Alice Blue Gown; Love will find a Way; My Hero....Len Fillis.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 129. Gregor Piatigorsky ('Cello) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spree Teddy Powell & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Il Pleurait (film 'Pieges'); Mon Petit Kaki....L'Accordeoniste Deprince & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby; Junk Man....Jack Teagarden & His Orchestra
Tangos—La Punalada; Se Lo Llevaron ....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Quickstep—Give Me My Ranch; Fox-Trot—Goodnight, My Beautiful Ken 'Snakehips' Johnson & His West Indian Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Piano Duets by Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 2—Intro: Goodnight my love; So do I; I need you; Boo-Hoo; Love Marches On; What will I tell my Heart.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 24—Intro: When you wear your Sunday Blue; It's a lovely day to-morrow; Moonlight Avenue; Careless; A little rain must fall; I cried for you.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Brigadier-General French, C.M.G., C.B.E., on 'Censorship'.
8.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Oceans Apart (Rooney, Miller)....Judy Garland with Orchestra; Orch.—Play Gypsy (Kalman) ....Hungarian Gypsy Band; Vocal—Figaro (from 'Babes in Arms')....Judy Garland with Orchestra; Orch.—Blue Forget-Me-Not (Banffy) ....Hungarian Gypsy Band; Humorous Monologue—Keeping a Stiff Upper, Play Up and Pay the Dame....Oliver Wakefield ('The Voice of Inexperience'); Mouth Organ—Night Over Shanghai (film 'The Singing Marine')....Larry Adler with Orchestra; Vocal—Chloe (Song of the Swamp) (Kahn & Moret)....The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Escorts; Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love To-night (film 'The Singing Marine')....Larry Adler with Orchestra & Vocal.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.



Dicting Dot says all these people who rave about exercise being heaps of fun don't know what hard work means.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—A Recital by Frederick Thurston, Wanda Landowska and Lily Pons.
Preludes Nos 1 and 2 in C Major; Prelude No 3 in C Minor; Fugue in C Minor for Two Voices (Bach)....Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord).
Suite for Two Clarinets (Alan Frank): Prelude-March-Rondo-Dirge - Finale Frederick Thurston and Ralph Clarke (Two Clarinets).
Lo! Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop) Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra and Flute Obbligato.
Fantasia in D Minor (Mozart)....Wanda Landowska (Piano).
Ah! I Knew It (from 'The Magic Flute'—Mozart)....Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra.
A Truro Maggot (Philip Browne—In 17th Century Manner); Gigue (C. H Lloyd); Largo and Allegro Giocoso (Galuppi-Craxton) Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano).
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m. — London Relay — 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).
Song of the Volga Boatmen (Chaliapine, Koenemann); The Prophet, Op. 49 (Rimsky-Korsakov); Slander is a whispering zephyr ('The Barber of Seville'—Rossini).
10.27 p.m.—Compositions of Prokofieff. 'Love of the Three Oranges'—March and Scherzo—Waltz Scherzo....London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
Gavotte (from 'Classical Symphony', Op. 25)....Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano.
Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26—1st Mov: Andante-Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andantino-Tema con variazione 1—5; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo l'istesso tempo....Serge Prokofieff (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

NO LONGER SAFETY FIRST

The National Safety First Association has decided to change its title to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. A. Pickhard, general secretary, said they felt their accident prevention work might be handicapped if it were waged under a slogan contrary to the present needs and spirit of the country.

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BRITISH SUBJECTS and interests in Ichang are suffering seriously from unpleasant restrictions and a virtual boycott, particularly in matters obtaining to requisite funds and necessary supplies, including foodstuffs, which they are not allowed to buy from Japanese shops.

This was revealed at the annual general meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hankow by the chairman, Mr. D. B. Tait, who said British business in Hankow in 1940 experienced another year of "facing a blank wall of prohibited trade."

Mr. Tait declared that the Japanese military at Ichang "continued to interfere with British interests by the forcible seizure of British craft, to secure the cargo contained therein, in spite of the most vigorous representations by our own authorities and the highest quarters.

"Whilst it is true that British craft affected so far have been returned to their powerless owners following the forcible removal of all cargo, it is impossible to find justification for the perpetration of such acts against neutral interests with clearly defined rights."

Tight Hold

Speaking of British trade in Hankow, Mr Tait asserted "Apart from a few shipments previously arranged early in the year, there has been no British or foreign participation in any export trade unless the legal sale of Japanese accumulated stocks of wood oil, bristles, tea and cotton to interests rigorously controlled by the Japanese authorities can be described.

"On the import side there is not one British trade transaction to report."

Mr Tait proceeded "Looking down over the page of progress is quite blank.

Chimera Of Reopening

"Tenancy use of British properties continues forcibly to be denied, and even the chimera of reopening of the Yangtse to foreign trade and navigation as far as Nanking has faded, so that today out of the 1,400-mile stretch from Shanghai to Chungking, British services operate only the last 170 miles."

The chairman stated that all British and foreign tonnage, excluding Japanese, remained idle the whole year and even yet the legitimate use of wharves and pontoons had not been restored in spite of fresh approaches to the Japanese, who continued to enforce their prohibitions of "military necessity."—Reuter.

SERIOUS CHARGES

Li Kwong, 34, cook, and Fung Chiu, 28, messenger, were remanded by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, when charged with demanding money from Lau Chuen-tak, with menaces, and with conspiracy.

It was alleged that accused demanded $500 from Lau, who is the assistant manager of the Tung Tak Import and Export Firm, Wing Wo Street.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendants, Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan is for the prosecution.

Bail of $500 each was allowed. The case was adjourned until March 25.

MAPLE LEAF UNCLE SAM?

Flight Lieutenant Nick Nickerbocker, formerly a Hollywood stunt flyer, has asked the Canadian Government to allow American airmen in the Royal Canadian Air Force to wear on their tunics a representation of the figure of Uncle Sam, super-imposed on the maple leaf.

The Government is considering the sug-

DRIVERS CAUTIONED

Following a general warning issued some weeks ago to bus drivers to pull in close to the pavement when stopping to take on or discharge passengers, 17 drivers employed by the Kowloon Bus Company, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to heed the warning.

It was disclosed that police officers were specially assigned to watch bus drivers, and in some cases the drivers stopped their vehicles 14 feet from the pavement.

Traffic Inspector A R Britain said there had been a definite improvement since the summonses were issued, and suggested that defendants be treated with leniency as they were the first to be summoned under the regulation.

All defendants were discharged with a caution, but the Magistrate warned that fines would be imposed in future cases.

CITED, HE IS LEFT £7,000

A fortune of £7,000 has been left to Mr. Frederick T. Ryan, Lord Charlemont's former chauffeur, whom Lord Charlemont cited as co-respondent in his petition for divorce.

It comes to him under the will of Evelyn Fanny Charlotte, Viscountess Charlemont, of Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, Chelsea, who was killed during and air raid last October.

Lord Charlemont in his petition alleged that Lady Charlemont and Mr. Ryan had visited the Old Ship Hotel at Mere, Wilts.

He obtained a decree absolute in April last year.

The decree nisi was not due to be made absolute before July, but Lord Charlemont, who was then very ill, applied to have the matter expedited because, if he should die in the meantime, his former wife would have inherited £300 a year.

Lady Charlemont left £27,688 gross, with net personalty £23,-865. Estate duty amounts to £4,667. After bequests amounting to £12,000 to a nephew and nieces, she left the residue of her property to Mr. Ryan.

DEATH OF MRS. LEE YET

The death occurred yesterday at the age of 57, of Mrs. Lee Yet, a well-known overseas Chinese who had resided in the Colony for several years, and was formerly of Portland, Oregon.

The late Mrs. Lee passed away at her residence, No. 31, Boundary Street, at 2.25 p.m. yesterday.

A memorial service will be held at the Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 4 p.m. to-morrow, and on Thursday the remains will be cremated. The ashes are to be sent to America.

She leaves three sons, Harry, Victor and Howard; and five daughters, Frances Hazel, Ngon Doon, Mrs. Rose Bowen Chann, and Mrs. Flore ce Walter Chung.

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NAZIS TAKE AWAY CHURCH WINDOWS

By order of the German military command, stained glass windows from the famous Brussels church of St Gedule have been dismantled. Packed in 100 cases, the glass has been taken away to what the Nazis call a "place of safety."

The inference is that they expect or fear the Belgian capital may soon be in the firing line, or else they want to impress the inhabitants with the idea that Britain intends to bomb the city.

Germany is treating Belgians with even less consideration than the other peoples under her domination. The shortage and chaotic and bad distribution of food and other supplies is ascribed to the Belgians' own inefficiency.

WINDSOR HOUSE INCIDENT

Mr. J. Thompson, an Irishman, Wireless Superintendent of Williamson & Company, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with assaulting Mak Hon, night watchman of Newspaper Enterprise Limited, in Windsor House last night.

Detective-Sergeant Summers, who prosecuted, said complainant was in hospital, but it was expected that he would be discharged to-morrow.

The case was adjourned until Thursday.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE INQUIRY

Reports that the Immigration Office Inquiry is to be continued on Friday are incorrect, stated Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Secretary to the Commission, this afternoon to the "China Mail."

No date has yet been fixed for resumption of the Inquiry.

Mr. Forrest, Immigration Officer, left hospital yesterday.

BIRCH FOR BOY OF 9

A boy of nine was at Salford juvenile court ordered six strokes of the birch for wounding his nine-year-old friend by stabbing him with a knife. "It is only by good luck that you are not a murderer" the chairman told him. It was stated that there would be an appeal.

SARAH SIMPLE FOR SERVICES

A special performance of "Sarah Simple" has been arranged for men of the Services to-night.

A. A. Milne's play is very light fare, full of amusing and swift dialogue and scenes and it provides admirable distraction from the cares of war, income tax and evacuation.

The opening night is to-morrow and the play will run until Saturday. Booking for seats at $3.30, $2.20 and $1.10, is being handled by the Anderson Music Co. and it would be as well to book as soon as possible as the last nights are already heavily booked.

The number of invitations accepted by the Services for to-night promises a full house for this comedy of the vague inventor who named the wrong man as co-respondent when his wife left him. This slip leads to complications and trying situations on his charming wife's sudden return just as he is attempting to establish a liaison wth the attractive but conventionally minded widow of a Canon.

The cast is headed by Sheilah Mackinlay as the lovely Sarah Simple, Claude Burgess as her corkscrew inventing husband, and Day Sage as the attractive widow, a part which carries some of the most shattering lines in the play.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are the soulful, adolescent twins, and W. E. Kirby gives a cameo of a depressed detective-minded pub waiter.

BLACK-OUT TO-NIGHT AT TAIPO

If fine weather conditions hold, a black-out exercise to experiment with the Star-lighting system will be held at Taipo, between 11 p.m. and midnight to-morrow.

In order that the greatest value from these experiments may be obtained, the full cooperation of residents and the sea-faring population of Taipo is sought by asking them to ensure that all lights in their premises are either extinguished or obscured so that no light can be seen from any direction.

Motorists who may find it necessary to pass through Taipo are requested to take the necessary steps to black-out their lights, or failing this, to stop outside the area affected and switch out all lights. The area in which the trials will be carried out at Taipo is bounded by the Railway, the sea, Kam San Bridge, and the northern end of the Taipo Causeway.

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Hockey

IN the Large Units' Hockey League Middlesex Regiment have a seven-point lead over the 5/7th Rajput Regiment.

On Saturday the Middles defeated the H.K.S.R.A. by seven goals to three.

Matches played during last week were as follows:

5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat H.K.S.R.A. 2—1.

5/7th Rajput Regt. beat Combined Small Units 6—0.

Fortress Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units 3—1.

Middlesex Regt. beat H.K.S.R.A. 7—3.

LEAGUE POSITION TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Middlesex Regt.	9	8	0	1	17
5/7th Rajput Regt.	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy. Regt.	7	3	1	3	9
5th A.A. Regt.	6	3	1	2	8
2/R. Scots	6	1	4	1	3
36th Hvy. Regt.	7	2	4	1	5
H.K.S.R.A.	6	1	3	2	4
Fortress R.E.	7	2	5	0	4
2/14th Punjab Regt.	5	1	2	2	4
Combined S.U.	6	0	4	2	2

To-day at Shamshuipo the British Army team will meet the Indian Army team in the Quadrangular Tournament, bully off 4.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to play:

L/Cpl. Dove (Royal Signals), Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots) and Bdr. Anderson (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.), Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.), Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers), Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.), Lieut. Clague (Royal Artillery), Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.), Pte. Hitchcott (Royal Scots), Cpl. Shaw (Royal Engineers) and Cpl. Singleton (Royal Engineers).

Reserves:—Cpl. Allsey (Royal Scots) and S/Sgt. Saxby (Royal Engineers).

This same team will play against Royal Navy on Friday at King's Park, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

The final of the Small Units Knockout Competition will be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday between the Third Medium Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

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Rugby Football

TO-DAY, in the Large Units Rugby League, Royal Engineers will play the Combined Small Units and should have no difficulty in accounting for them. The Engineers have not yet lost in this League.

The Royal Artillery will play the Middlesex Regiment and this should prove a good game as the sides are evenly matched.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	1	0	6
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	4	0	2
Combined S.U.	4	0	3	1	1

Tennis

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Army Tennis League held on Monday the following officials were selected for the coming season:

President—Capt. C. H. R. Hyde.

Secretary—L/Cpl. Bushell (Corps Military Police).

Committee—Major D. C. E. Grose (Royal Engineers), Cpl. Husband (Royal Signals), S/Sgt. Mitchell (Royal Engineers), S/Sgt. Adams (R.A.O.C.) and representatives from Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment.

It was proposed by Capt. R. E. Guest and carried that an Army singles championship should be included in the competitions for the season, open to all Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men.

A proposal by R.A.M.C. that a separate League should be run for Unit Officers' teams was defeated.

An application by Major A. Rosenbloom for permission to enter a team in the "A" League consisting of two Indian Medical Service Officers and the remainder I.M.D. Personnel was granted.

A request by the Middlesex Regiment for permission to play all their 'Home Matches' on their hard courts at Shamshuipo was dealt with. It was decided that the League was a grass court competition, this could not be permitted, especially as there was a grass court conveniently situated at Chatham Road.

It was agreed that Royal Air Force should be invited to enter teams and competition in all the tennis competitions and that Army should enter a team in the Colony "B", "C" and "D" Leagues for 1941.

The kind offer of the Royal Navy to permit Soldiers to play on their hard courts in the Dockyard and Causeway Bay was gratefully accepted.

The following points were also agreed upon:—that the League should start before the end of April; that in the event of inclement weather a definite decision would always be given by 1 p.m. as to whether the courts were playable or not.

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Athletics

IN the course of this week two Units are holding athletic meetings. Combined Small Units are holding their meeting at Chatham Road to-morrow to enable them to select their team for the Command Athletic Meeting, while Middlesex Regiment are holding their Sports at Shamshuipo over to-morrow and Thursday.

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Association Football

IN Second and Third Divisions of the Football League, the two top teams are still fighting it out for League honours.

The Second Division title, which rests between Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps, is still in the balance with the Engineers, having one game in hand, being one point in the lead.

In Third Division Royal Air Force and Royal Signals, with the same number of points, will probably decide matters on the last game of the season. Both have played 20 matches, won 14 and drawn four, and have 32 points.

Signals, thus far, have had fewer goals scored against them than any team in any division of the League — 20 goals in 20 matches.

Royal Army Service Corps lost a good chance of establishing an even larger goal-scoring record when Kowloon gave them the points in their Second Division encounter; so far they have scored 105 goals and look like reaching the 120 mark before the end of the season.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY

Large Units Rugby League, Sookunpoo—Royal Engineers v. Combined Small Units, 3.00 p.m.; Royal Artillery v. Middlesex Regiment, 4.30 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

Hockey, Quadrangular Tournament—British Army v. Indian Army, Shamshuipo, 4.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Athletics—Middlesex Regt. Meeting, Shamshuipo, 2.30 p.m.; Combined Small Units Meeting, Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

Rugby—Club "A" v. Royal Engineers, Club ground, 5.15 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snooker—Army League, 14th Round, Soldiers' Club, 4.00 p.m.

Tennis—Colony Championships, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.00 p.m.

Athletic Meeting—Middlesex Regt., Shamshuipo, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Quadrangular Tournament Hockey—British Army v. Royal Navy, King's Park, 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Hockey, Small Units Final—3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A. v. 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., Sookunpoo.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Colony tennis championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

W. J. Howard v. H. D. Rumjahn (7)

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8)

T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (4)

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v. Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-put (5)

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) v. T. P. Ralph (scr.) (1)

A. T. Dow (-3/6) v. M. A. Bierens de Haan (scr.) (6)

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

H. E. Wallet and E. S. Hall (-2/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Kaehler (-1/6) (3)

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton championship programme:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO

Men's Junior Doubles

J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles

R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo (7.45 p.m.).

C. S. Young v. J. Tsang (8.30 p.m.).

Mixed Doubles

E. Gillespie and Miss Wong v. H. E. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (9.15 p.m.).

ARMY CRICKET SEMI-FINAL

The semi-final of the Large Units Cricket Tournament between Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery will be played at Sookunpoo to-morrow afternoon. The winners will meet the Combined Small Units in the final on Thursday, March 27, at Sookunpoo.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior League match against Police on Saturday:

H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Anslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson.

Sports Secretary

IT is notified for information that Lieut. J. D. Clague, 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., has taken over the duties of Area Secretary for Hockey from Capt. Hook, Royal Artillery.

Capt. R. E. Guest has taken over duties of Area Boxing Officer and 2/Lieut. E. C. Graham, Middlesex Regiment, has assumed the duties of Area Swimming Officer, with effect from March 1.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following are results of badminton championship matches played last night at King's College:

Men's Junior Doubles

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho, 17—15, 15—10.

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat J. Hooi and T. B. Teoh, 15—6, 15—11.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano, 15—2, 15—5.

Mixed Doubles

Patrick Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro beat E. and Mrs. Zimmern, 15—0, 15—4.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS SPORTS

Preliminary heats for the Combined Small Units Individual athletic meeting were held yesterday at the Chatham Road field.

The following are the successful contestants who will enter the finals to be held to-morrow afternoon:

100 yards:—Sgt. Manfield, R. A. F. Marth, R.A.S.C., Brown, Senior and Baggs.

200 yards: Manfield, Martin Tartt and Brown.

C.C.C. CRICKET ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a First Division League cricket match against Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m. on the Home ground.

E. Zimmern (Capt.), A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, T. Lack, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sing, G. Souza and J. L. Younge Saye.

NAVY RUGBY TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following team has been chosen to represent Navy against Club "A" on Wednesday, on Club ground:

Wright, McGill, Paul, Wilson and Bowden, Carter and Rutherford, Danger, Eager, Flynn, Stockham, Kirk, Inglis, Watson and Palmer.

MACAULEY WINS SENIOR TITLE AT D.B.S. SPORTS

The Diocesan Boys' School annual sports were held yesterday. The senior championship was won by J. Macaulay, the middle by Tam Kok-ling and the junior by P. Mugford.

Results:

100 Yards (Senior):—1, H. Wong; 2, L. Jernakoff, J. Macaulay (dead heat). Time: 11 2/5. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time: 12 2/5. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Ng Luen-fuk; 3, Lee E-shan. Time: 13 mins.

High Jump (Senior).—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, S. Hall. Height: 5 ft. 5 ins. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, E. Guest. Height: 4 ft. 7 ins. Junior.—1, Chan Kwok-kin; 2, Ng Luen-fuk. Height: 3 ft. 7½ ins.

Sack Race (Middle).—1, P. Yew; 2, B. Lim; 3, Tan Kok-ling. Junior.—1, Ng Luck-fuk, and Marley King Cheung (tie); 3, C. Wu.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, J. Jernakoff; 3, F. Lam. Time: 28. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan. Time: 32 2/5. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Time: 29.

Three-Legged Race (Middle).—1, E. Read—W. Newbern; 2, Fung King-chop—P. Yew; 3, B. Lim—J. Ramsey. Junior.—1, P. Mugford—W. Lam; 2, Chan Kwok-kin—Lee E-shan and Lui Tse-chiu—Kwok Wai-chiu (tie).

440 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, G. Rosselet; 3, D. Truax. Time: 57. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, Tang Kwing-yew. Time: 62½. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan. Time: 75.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Lim Hong-hong; 2, C. Whitfield; 3, Ma Hin-hong, J. Macaulay (tie). Distance: 17 ft. 5 ins. Middle.—1, E. Read; 2, Tan Kok-ling; 3, B. Lim. Distance: 15 ft. 9 ins. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan; 3, Chan Kwok-kin. Distance: 12 ft. 6 ins.

Obstacle Race (Senior).—Wong Kam-cheung; 2, N. Masters; 3, W. Macaulay. Middle.—1, P. Yew; 2, J. Ramsey; 3, Tan Kok-ling. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Ng Luen-fuk; 3, Chan Kwok-kin.

Shot-Putt (Senior).—1, Wong Ching-tong; 2, S. Hall; 3, Ip Cheng-ling. Distance: 33 ft. 2 ins.

Tug-of-War.—1, Brown House; 2, Green House.

Club Relay.—1, Yellow; 2, Blue; 3, Green.

Pts. Gained by Club.—Yellow, 167; Blue, 153; Green 80½; Brown, 62½.

The following events were decided last week:

Cross Country (Senior).—1, C. Truax; 2, D. Truax; 3, J. Macaulay. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, W. Newbern; 3, B. Lim. Junior.—1, P. Mugford; 2, Lee E-shan.

Mile (Senior).—1, C. Truax; 2, J. Macaulay; 3, D. Truax. Time: 5.20. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time: 5.41.

880 Yards (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, C. Truax; 3, Hsu Yuanyo. Time: 2.21 2/5. Middle.—1, Tan Kok-ling; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Time: 3 mins.

Throwing The Cricket Ball (Senior).—1, J. Macaulay; 2, S. Hall; 3, Hsu Yuanyo. Distance: 74 yds. 6 ins.

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SPORTS OF ALL SORTS FLOURISH IN HAWAII

HAWAIIANS DEVOTE more time to sports than any other people, writes a correspondent from Honolulu.

The result is stalwart men averaging six feet in height and keeping youthful vigor to an advanced age. You see 60-year-old Hawaiians with snow white hair and the smooth, supple skin of a man in his 30s. Get a load of Duke Kahanamoku. At 51, his speed in swimming 50 yards would surprise you.

Swimming come to Hawaiians as naturally a walking. They developed a distinctive stroke an adaptation of which is called the Australian. Kahanamoku, now sheriff of Hono'ulu county, employing the Hawaiian six-beat stroke, broke Olympic sprint records in 1912. . became the world's greatest swimmer. After him came the Kealoha, Harris, Pung and Kahili brothers, Buster Crabbe and Johnny Wood.

Big Athletic Programme

Booming Honolulu now has tremendous athletic programmes, with 25,000 soldiers and 15,000 sailors carrying out schedules resembling those of major universities.

Football has been played in the islands since the Punahou school took it up in the '80s. The University of Hawaii team engages outfits from the States, as well as two island club teams. Honolulu has the Hawaii Senior League, an inter-scholastic League, an intermediate school and numerous other circuits. Other islands have their own loops.

Peculiar to Hawaii is barefoot football, not ragged games played by urchins, but a better-than-average game played without regulation uniforms.

Amateur Boxing Flourishes

Alexander Joy Cartwright, the baseball pioneer, came to Honolulu in 1849, and lost no time in organising teams. The Hawaii League is now tops in Honolulu, with teams representing nationality groups. There are six leagues in the city composed of representatives of business houses and a dozen other circuits. Sugar plantations encourage baseball.

There has been a championship soccer series in Honolulu every season since 1900 with the exception of the first World War years.

There is hardly any community of more than 100 families that does not have a tennis court.

The islands are one of the hottest beds of amateur boxing in the world. Professional boxing and wrestling are doing well.

Golf next to swimming and baseball, is enjoyed by more players than any other sport. There are 24 courses on the four largest islands, one on Lanai Island.

Yachting, polo and deep-sea fishing all have bands of enthusiasts. As for hunting, most of the birds have become rare. Deer, boars and goats defy extermination.

Club At Waikiki To Be Reopened

Surfboard riding remains Hawaii's most picturesque sport. It is as distinctive to the islands as the hula, leis and poi . . . three-finger, two-finger or one-finger.

Yet the famous Outrigger Canoe Club, on the beach at Waikiki, has been out of existence for two years.

Now, thanks to Representative Walter James Macfarlane, a young man who does things in the land of liquid sunshine, the club will reopen at the same old stand, but in a delightful new clubhouse.

Macfarlane, nephew of Princess Abigail Kawananakoa, serving his fourth term in the Hawaiian House of Representatives, raised on a bond issue more than $90,000, which has been invested in the building and fixtures.

No other beaches in the world are as adaptable to surfboarding as those of the flowery archipelago. Only where the reef extends far out to sea is there the long, rolling wave surfriders can catch. Kamaainas (old timers) and malihinis (newcomers) alike will welcome the comeback of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Waikiki wasn't the same without it, and the royal sport of surfriding should be preserved at the only beach where it can be enjoyed to the fullest.

SALE OF SIR ABE BAILEY'S STABLE

The late Sir Abe Bailey's horses 83 in all realised 42,677 guineas by auction at Newmarket recently.

The sale ordinarily would have ranked with that of Sir Edward Hulton's horses 15 years ago, when 288,380 guineas were obtained for 86 lots.

Only horse retained was Sir Abe's old favourite, Son-in-Law, founder of one of the most famous lines of slayers in the Stud Book. He is 29 years of age.

Top price was 5,200 guineas paid by Lord Glanely for the stallion Tiberius, who won the Ascot Gold Cup, the Goodwood Cup, Newmarket, St. Leger, and Liverpool St. Leger.

Mr. A. E. Allnutt paid 5,000 guineas for the two-year-old colt Sun Lore, by Hyperion out of Booklaw, and Mr. G. Hartigan 4,000 guineas for the four-year-old colt Fairstone, who finished third in the Two Thousand Guineas, and won the Newmarket Stakes, Greenham Stakes, and Jersey Stakes.

Lovely Rosa, who won the Oaks in 1936 and is in foal to Blue Peter, last year's Derby winner, was purchased for 2,500 guineas by Mr. Vic Smyth, the Epsom trainer.

"I have bought her as a speculation," said Mr. Smyth, "because I have every faith in the future."

Mr. Gerald Deane, a partner and senior auctioneer of Messrs. Tattersalls, said, "The sale has been an encouraging one, and beyond all expectations. It seems as though there has suddenly been a tremendous amount of confidence in the British position."

ON MAURICE FOSTER

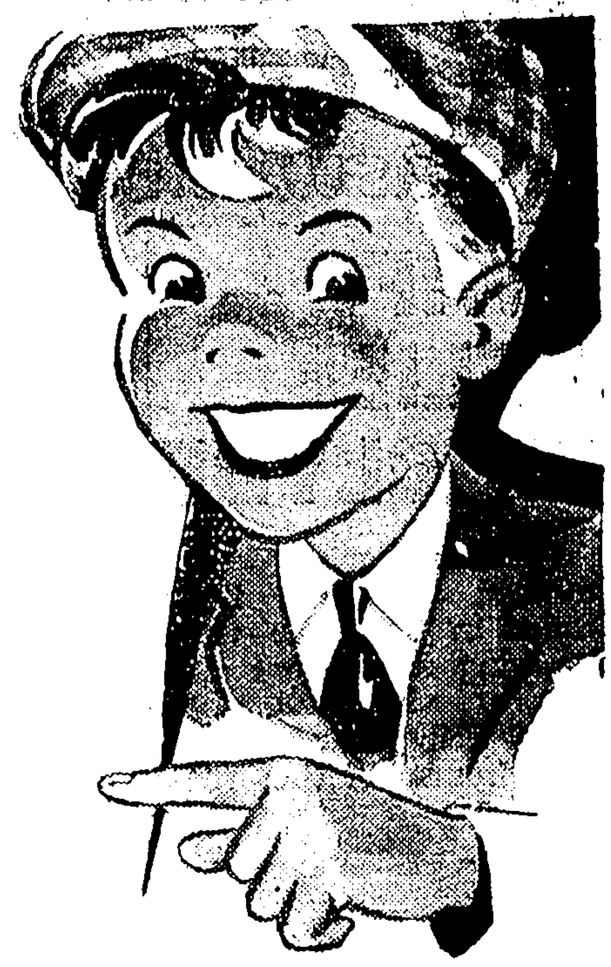
Maurice Foster, of "Fostershire," sixth of the greatest of cricket brotherhoods of seven, is dead.

The seven brothers (H.K., W.L., R.E., B.S., G.N., M.K. and N.J.T.) had a sister who became the mother of an accomplished left-hander, J. W. Greenstock, who bowled well for Oxford.

The brothers always declared their sister to be as good a bat as any of them. "W. G." said the same of the Graces' mother.

You only had to watch Maurice Foster off-driving to at once say "Malvern"—even if you didn't know the name was Foster.

The Foster name is kept splendidly alive in first-class cricket by P.G., son of G. N. Maurice, who died at Lichfield, was 52.



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Casualties Feared Higher Than First Believed

SWIFT RELIEF ON CLYDE

Families who were bombed out of their homes in Clydeside were receiving relief from officers of the Assistance Board within three and a half hours of the first raids.

Red tape was cut clean away and Lord Rushcliffe, Chairman of the Board, said in an interview in Edinburgh that it was the general rule in distributing assistance in "Blitz" periods.

Money paid out by the Board to those in need of immediate help was paid out without prejudice to final claim. It would be a payment on account of the subsequent gratis claim.

The Board paid out at once money to help those who might, for instance, have lost all their clothing. They also paid out a sum to enable a man whose house had been bombed and destroyed to purchase furniture and necessary household utensils such as pots and pans.

Tools For Work

Money was also paid out immediately to enable a man to replace tools needed for his work and which he might have lost through enemy action.

In this matter great help had been received from the Trade Unions. The honesty of applicants had been absolutely beyond criticism. - British Wireless.

Little Daylight Activity By Luftwaffe

IT IS NOW FEARED that casualties in Bristol, main target in Sunday night's Nazi air attacks, were heavier than was at first expected.

The raid on Bristol was followed by a day of comparative quiet, in which very little enemy activity over Britain was reported during the daylight hours.

According to the Air Ministry a small number of aircraft crossed the coasts of Kent and north-east Scotland but no bombs are reported to have been dropped.

There was no early night alert last night.

It is now confirmed that an enemy bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire on the South Coast on Saturday night.

There was little air activity over Britain last night and London had had no alert up to a late hour.

ENEMY 'PLANES WERE OVER THE NORTH-EAST AND THE EAST ANGLIAN COASTS BUT THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF BOMBS. - REUTER.

TRINIDAD GIFT FOR BOMBERS

After subscribing £100,000 for the purchase of fighter aircraft the people of Trinidad have sent a further amount of £10,000 as first instalment for the purchase of bombers - British Wireless.

WOMEN TO REGISTER FOR WAR WORK

The scheme of compulsory registration for war work may be applied to every man over 40 and every woman over 19. No upper age limit has been fixed.

The Minister of Labour and National Service made this clear in further outlining his plans for the complete mobilisation of the nation's man and woman power.

Men aged 41 and 42, Mr. Bevin said, would register on April 5. Women aged 20 and 21 would register on two days--April 19 and a date to be announced.

Registration in these first groups would be universal though compulsion would not be applied in the case of mothers with young children or heavy domestic responsibilities.

After the first registrations the Minister may proceed by calling up either other age groups of men or women, or both, throughout the country, or a whole age group in any particular region.

All men and women will, "as far as is compatible with the national interest," be given a choice of occupation.—British Wireless.

ROME WARNED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The British Government has given a warning that if Athens is bombed Rome must not expect to be spared.

International News was informed that this warning was conveyed through neutral diplomatic channels in Rome to the Vatican for transmission to the Italian Government.

The warning stated that should any bombing occur over Athens in order to influence the civilian morale or for any other reason, reprisals might be taken immediately. — International News Service.

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Semi-official Japanese reports claim that Kaoan, strongly - defended Chinese base of operations 50 kilometres west of Nanchang, was captured by Japanese forces after an hour's assault.

The Japanese drive in north-west Kiangsi is stated to be for the purpose of dispersing 80,000 Chungking troops massed "in apparent preparation for an attempted recapture of Nanchang." — Reuter.

The cholera epidemic continues of grave proportions. Yesterday a total of 41 cases were registered with the Health Authorities—26 from Victoria, 10 from Aberdeen and rural Hong Kong, four from Kowloon and one from Shaukiwan.

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